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# Thatcher put in danger by Paisley leak

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, decided last night to holdan inquiry into how Mr lan Paisley, the Protestant leader, was able to obtain and reveal details of the Prime Minister's visit to Northern Ireland yesterday.

MPs were accusing the Democratic Unionist Party leader of endangering the life of the Prime Minister after giving details of her itinerary in an interview in yesterday's Belfast Newsletter, intens-ifying the security risk inherent in an already potentially hazardous journey.

As the controversy over the security leak raged, the Prime Minister, touring police and army bases across the province, delivered an uncompromising message to Unionists that the Anglo-Irish agreement would continue. The visit had been kept

secret from even some of Mrs Thatcher's closest staff in Downing Street, but Mr Paisley received the information in Belfast on Monday night and told his "loyalist" colleagues about it.



● The £8,000 prize in yesterday's Portfolio Gold competition double the usual amount because there was no winner the previous day — was won by Mrs Joyce Eames of Foston, Derby. Details

There is £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 25; how to play, page 20.

# TIMES SPORT

# Cash outburst

Pat Cash, the Australian tennis player, smashed two rackets, walked off court and punched a television camerman in a display of anger that undermined his country's Davis Cup final prospects against Sweden on Boxing Day Page 32

# Botham back

lan Botham has recovered from his rib injury and will match starting at Melbourne Page 32 on Boxing Day

# TIMES BUSINESS

# **Investor fears**

Thousands of British Gas shareholders are anxious after the Department of Trade and Industry announced plans to wind up licensed securities dealer Prior Harwin Page 21

# Bus buyout

The largest huyout under the privatization programme for National Bus Company was completed when the managemenl at Eastern National Omnihus acquired 80 per cent Page 21 of the company

# Insider tip-off

The Government was tipped off in June that a civil servant was giving inside information to a firm of stockbrokers. sources Whitehall



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Inquiry launched after PM's Christmas visit to Ulster

By Philip Webster and Richard Ford

The disclosures led angry Conservative MPs to con-clude that Mr Paisley must have a "mole" in the Northern treland Civil Service. Prepara-tions for the trip would have involved the visit being known to a fairly large number of officers in the Royal Ulster

Sclect Committee on Defence, said: "It is despicable that Mr Paisley should try to use a visit by a head of government at

Sir Humphrey Atkins, a former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said last



Mr Paisley yesterday

night: "If Mr Paisley not only heard about it, which he should not have done, but also let it be known, it is quite

disgraceful.
"I find it very disturbing that information should have been given to Mr Paisley presumably by one of the comparatively few people who knew the details. I am sure that Mr King will wish to discover who that was."

Sir Humphrey said it was disgraceful that Mr Paisley should do anything that might endanger the life of the elected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom "to which he so passionately himself." attaches

trying to keep the peace for his own party political ends. It is quite appalling.

The Prime Minister is a very brave lady. Thse visits are always accompanied by a certain amount of danger hut for Mr Paisley to add to it does him and what be stands for no With Mrs Thatcher under threat from both republicans and extreme loyalists the security forces had gone to extraordinary lengths to keep secret until the last minute the

Mr Michael Mates, Conser-

vative MP for East Hamp-shire, who takes over from Sir

Humphrey on January 1 as

Christmas to those who are

doing the dangerous job of

province's VIP visitor. Loyalists mounted sporadic protests with Mr Paisley shouting traitor as the Prime Minister visited a police sta-

tion in East Belfast. Workers briefly stopped work in a few industries for 15 minutes at lunchtime and 40 loyalists protested ontside Belfast's City Hall as hundreds of other people continued with their Christmas

shopping.
Mr Paisley received details of most of the Prime Minister's itinerary and it was published in the province's Unionist morning paper. Mr Paisley defended his

action saying he was opposed to the Prime Minister but last night the government prom-Continued on page 2, col 4

mulative deficit of £224 mil-

lion for the first 11 months of

Imports rose by £506 mil-

lion to £7.54 billion in

The consumer spending

boom continued to suck in

imports at an alarming rate, although officials emphasized

the strength of non-consumer

There was embarrassment in Whitehall about the latest

monthly trade figures. A

month ago the statisticians

had announced an upward

revision of the monthly surplus on invisible trade from

£600 million to £900 million

Now the monthly surplus

has been revised to £800

for the fourth quarter.

imports.

**Business News** 

#### Court cuts UK trade Piggott's gap tops record bail £1 billion

By David Smith The record bail of £950,000 **Economics Correspondent** posted by Lester Piggott, the former champion jockey fac-ing a tax fraud charge, was virtually halved in a High Britain is this year heading

for the first balance of pay-ments deficit since 1979. A Court application yesterday. surge in imports in November Mr Justice Thomas reduced pushed the deficit on trade to the cash sum set by Newmar-ket magistrates for Mr Pigmore than £1 hillion. The current account was in gott's freedom to £500,000 in deficit by £232 million last month: It showed a cu-

a private hearing in the High Court in London. He also ordered the return of Mr Piggott's passport and allowed him to report mon-thly, instead of weekly, to the

police as a condition of bail. Mr Piggott, aged 51, who retired as a jockey last year to become a trainer, was arrested and charged last Friday with making a false tax statement about his bank account.

The Inland Revenue had asked for £2 million in casb to be deposited with the court as bail surety, but the magistrates reduced this to £950,000 with two sureties of £125,000 each.

Mr Piggott was freed on surrendering the deeds to his house and stables to the court. His solicitor presented a bank draft for the cash sum 30 minutes before the Monday

evening deadline.

Mr Piggott, who attended the High Court hearing, said: "I am relieved that I am now free to be able to carry on my business." The case has been adjourned until March 19.

# Peking student protest

sity took to the streets last night demanding democracy and freedom in the first such demonstration in the capital during China's current wave of campus unrest. Several thousand students

Peking (Reuter) — Hun-dreds of students from posters and marched to two Peking's elite Qinghua univer-other universities. Police did night forced the BBC to cancel a £600,000 television dramanot intervene.

The demonstration, lasting more than four hours, followed a leading article in the People's Daily calling for

stability and unity.

# The Prime Minister meeting UDR members at Girdwood Barracks yesterday.

# pleads for prisoners

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

One of the strongest signals yet of Mr Mikhail Gorbac-hov's ambition to transform Soviet society came yesterday when Dr Andrei Sakharov, the country's most prominent dissident, returned from exile and launched a passionate plea for the release of all prisoners of conscious" held

in the Gulag. Saying that no restrictions had been imposed on his from the £15 million fund freedom, the physicist, aged announced by Mr Norman 65, told of bow he had personally informed Mr Gorbachov during their historic telephone conversation last been earmarked for regions week that "people who have

Joy of freedom Leading article

been locked up for their convictions but never used violence" should be set free immediately.

Dr Sakharov, who hopes to

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return to work in the field of nuclear science, later attended a seminar at the Institute of Physics of the Academy of

Sciences.
His release has been welcomed by Dr Yevgeny Velikhov, the Academy's vice-president and a leading figure in Moscow's anti-Star Wars programme, prompting speculation that Dr Sakharov

might be asked to join it. November, and they included It is understood that the a marked increase in imports of finished manufactures. Nobel Peace Prize winner who has never been dismissed from the Academy has kept abreast of modern scientific developments during his near-

ly seven years in exile.

Mr Gorbachov has been quoled as stating the hope that he will return to "patriotic

Stepping off the train from Gorky, Dr Sakharov staged Continued on page 20, col 7 BBC cancels Ronald Biggs drama

By Jonathan Miller Media Correspondent

The policeman who cap-tured Ronald Biggs, one of the the Great Train Robbers, in

Rio de Janiero in 1974 last

Lawyers for former Det Chief Supt Jack Slipper claimed that the programme

tization of the tale.

# Sakharov | Fowler gives extra £10m to London's 4 health regions

The Government yesterday bowed to pressure from Conservative backbenchers and announced an extra £10 million for London bospitals next year.

It is widely seen as a preelection gesture to allay growing concern amongst Londoners about health cutbacks.

The extra money will come from the £15 million fund announced by Mr Norman which get less than average growth, but London's four regions have been given the

lion's share. The only other regions that have profited are Mersey and North Western, covering greater Manchester, which

have gained £800,000 and £1.2 million respectively.
Announcing the 1987/1988 allocations yesterday, Mr Fowler made it clear that no

region in the country will experience a cut in real terms in next year's allocation. All regions will gain at least 5.1 per cent over their allocation this year, bringing the total expenditure on the NHS to almost £11 hillion, an in-

crease of £626 million. Yesterday Conservative backbenchers welcomed the additional funding and said it would go some way towards dispelling fears over hospital cuts and closures.

Mr Roger Simms, deputy chairman of the Conservative backbench health committee, who has been a leading campaigner for more funds, said: "I am very pleased that Nor-man Fowler has realised that under the present system of allocating resources London regions have been disad-

hilled in Radio Times as the

story of how obsessive com-

petition drove the popular

press into a riotous orgy of

mutual back stabbing. Written by Keith Water-house from a book by An-

thony Delano, the 95-minute

programme tells how Colin

MacKenzie, a reporter with the Daily Express, found Biggs in Brazil, and tipped off Mr

Slipper to produce a world

vataged to the extent that in places hospital wards have been closed in order to keep within budgets."

The new allocations have been distributed under the present Resource Allocation Working Party formula (RAWP), so that regions which have traditionally been deprived of health services are

given more resources.

The average growth for all regions is 5.7 percent, a real increase of almost 2 per cent. The increase will cover inflation, estimated at 3.75 per cent and funding for last year's pay award, calculated at 0.9 per cent.

• The number of women dying from lung cancer has increased by 20 per cent since 1979, according to the third NHS annual report.

The report shows that an increase in health service activity has in most areas gone hand in hand with an overall improvement in life expectancy.

Among men lung cancer mortality is down 9 per cent. The report shows that male deaths from heart attacks have dropped by 7 per cent during the same period, and one per cent in women. Deaths from stomacb cancer have fallen by 16 per cent and 21 per cent respectively in men and women and 9 per cent fewer women died of cervical

The report, which covers the period 1985-86, also shows that the number of patients treated in hospital reached record levels last year. In 1985 over 6.75 million people were admitted to hospital, 37.5 million people attended hospital outpatient departments and there were almost one million day patient cases.

serving 30 years for his part in the £2.5 million robbery in

1963. He went free after a

Brazilian court ruled that he

prime-time attraction on

BBC-1 next Tuesday at 9.30pm. It will be replaced by

a repeat of the Noel Coward play, Mr and Mrs Edgehill.

first shown in December 1985.

The BBC said it was

# Voyager flies into aviation history

Ivor Davies

Edwards Air Force Base
California
The spindly, frail-looking experimental aircraft Voyager flew itself into aviation history vesterday morning when it landed in hrilliant sunshine at this California desert air base after flying 26,000 miles around the world without

refueling.

Clambering out of his aircraft, pilot Dick Rutan, wearing a nine-day beard stuhble beneath dark sunglasses, donned a hlack cowboy hat and patted the plane that had carried him and his co-pilot, Jeana Yeager, around the globe on an emotional and physical roller coaster of a trip and drawled: "I need a long shower and a shave".

Miss Yeager, in a clean light blue warm-up suit, looking remarkably spritely and fresh despite the dangerous, non-

Voyager's route Leading article

stop flight through treacherous weather walked unaided to a waiting ambulance and noted: "I feel real good". Like clockwork, the Voy-

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ager, which looks more like a catamaran than a flying ma-chine, flew into the California sunshine shortly after sunrise almost nine days to the hour after it took off for the record-breaking flight. Voyager had made the first

ever around the world trip without refueling, and landed with petrol to spare. The marathon flight also more than doubled the previous distance record set in 1962.

Dick Rutan, aged 49, a veteran of scores of Vietnam combat missions who spent 85 per cent of his time at the plane's controls, seemed a little wobbley. Bul both he and his short-haired co-pilot walked just a few steps to a waiting ambulance and waved jubilantly to a crowd of more than 50,000 who had came to witness their historic landing on the dry lake bed in the

Mojave Desert. . For nine days, the two lived like a couple of buman sardines, sitting at the controls in a cockpit little bigger than a

Their flight was not always a smooth one. There had been repeated scares over whether the aircraft would have enough fuel to complete the journey. During the odyssey they were huffeted by fierce winds and thrown around like plastic dolls when the light plane enconniered severe

turbulance.
But one of the higgest scares of the trip came early yes-terday on the last leg of the

Just hours from home at 8,500 ft, Voyager's rear engine suddenly died as a result of a Continued on page 20, col 4

# Inside

Some Like

It Cold... Like Raymond Briggs's Snowman, Channel 4's awardwinning animation on Christmas Day. Some Like

It Hot... Like Marilyn Monroe two of her films can be seen over the holiday

and some like it hot and cold...

Like Torvill and Dean, whose madefor-television spectacular Fire and Ice will brighten Boxing Day. For details of these and a full guide to three days' TV and



Recognize her? If you do, turn to Page 12, where more questions await you in our Prize Christmas Quiz. If you don't, turn to our profile of a princess fit for any kingdom: Page 15

Plus... For sport fans, a holiday for two in Spain can be won in the special Sports Crossword: Page 28

# Saturday

In common with other newspapers, The Times will not appear tomorrow or on Boxing Day - but we'll be back on Saturday with some advice on staying young, a critical look at the honours system, and The Times calendar of world sport in 1987

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# scople's Daily calling for ahility and unity. Student grievances, page 8 and Larry Lamb as Biggs. It is west London where he was legal reasons. Trucking film, page 3 gathered at Qinghua univer-Doctor sets up Aids testing centre in car park

A mobile testing centre for the acquired immune de-ficiency syndrome (Aids) has been set up in a ear park by a doctor, who is charging clients £12.50 for his services.

The unit, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, was put into operation yesterday at a car park in Slough, Berkshire. Dr Gatenby Davies, who

appointment at a caravan in ine car park.

planning in the new year.
Oxford Regional Health Authority said yesterday that it was viewing the scheme with scepticism and is urging potential patients to use its free clinics or go to their

general practitioner.
The British Medical Associpeople without an clinics. It is crucial that patients receive expert advice. negative or positive.
even before they are tested. It "The tests are carried out in

operation which Dr Davies is extra work on general practitioners in the area, who will be responsible for giving pa-tients the results of the tests," Dr Davies is confident that

his unit will be a success and has ploughed £40,000 into it. He said that the lesis are carried out at the unit and the ation also advised patients to hlood samples sent away for use National Health Service screening. The results will be became an expert on Aids clinics. It said it was not aware sent to the patient's GP who thie working in East Africa. of any waiting list at the free will be responsible for telling the patient whether they are

The two-day scheme is a sounds as if this car park the strictest confidence. My trial for a more permanent scheme will throw a lot of aim is to put people's minds at

rest," Dr Davies, of London Laboratories, a company based at Brentford, west London, said. He has been carrying out cancer screening tests from the caravan for the past 20 months. Mr David Wass, clinic nurs-

ing manager at the genitouri-nary medicine clinic in Brighton, East Sussex, said there was no need for anyone to pay for a test. "We offer exactly the same service free and there is a unit like ours in every town. We give expert counselling before carrying out the test and afterwards, whether the result is positive

or negative. One drawback I can see is that the mobile unit might not give a very good counselling service."

The funeral took place yes-

terday of an Aids victim, a haemophiliac boy aged 10 who died in bospital in Bangor, North Wales. It will be the second death of a child to be recorded on the cumulative totals being compiled by the Department of Health Nurses, ambulancemen and

teachers attended the service of the boy who died after being in a coma. He was infected by contaminated blood products. Protester suspended, page 5

# Shoppers cleared in bomb alert

disaster with shoppers being hurt by an incendiary bomh in Newcastle npon Tyne yesterday. No group claimed

A cigarette packet containing a watch and wires, later confirmed by Army disposal squads as an incendiary device, was found by the guard on a settee in the second-floor furniture section of Binns department store in Market

About 2,000 people were moved out and the shopping area sealed off while a two-man bomh disposal unit from Catterick camp made the device safe.

Police were last night working on two theories: either that a bungling bomber had planted the device intending it to ignite over the weekend when the store was closed, or that he wanted to cause mayhem.

Last Friday the Animal Liberation Front telephoned a warning to a local radio station that it intended planting a fire bomb in the city centre.

#### 'No go' Ruling on jobs for sheep

movement of sheep in Anglesey and parts of Gwynedd, in North Wales, are to be imposed from midnight on Saturday after an outbreak of sheep scab.

Until further notice sheep may not be moved out of the area without a licence from the local authority. Licences will only be issued for sheep which have been dipped.

In the past three years the Ministry of Agriculture has expressed concern about the resurgence of the

who were refused new jobs because they were illiterate were not discriminated against, an industrial tri-bunal in Leeds ruled yesterday.

Weavercraft Industries, a Bradford carpet manufac-turer, argued that it was essential that operators of newly installed high-technology machines could read and write.

The tribunal said the requirement could mean indirect discrimination because fewer Asian than white people would meet it.

# Overtime ban in pits The Yorkshire coalfield faces its biggest industrial dispute since the end of the miners' strike after delegates

representing 4,000 pit deputies yesterday agreed to an overtime ban from 6am today. Maurice Payne, Yorkshire president of Nacods, the pit deputies' mion, said deputies would provide cover over the

The dispute was sparked when management supervised NUM men at Goldthorpe colliery, near Doncaster, last

week, where 60 deputies were on strike. British Coal yesterday announced the closure of Whittle colliery near Alnwick, in Northumberland, because of geological difficulties.

# Radio man ill

Wynford Vanghan-Thomas, the television and radio journalist, was com-fortable in hospital last night after being admitted to Withyhush Hospital in Haverfordwest, Dyfed, for tests. His wife, Charlotte, said

Mr Vaughan-Thomas, aged 77, became unwell 11 days ago after travelling to London to receive his CBE insignia at Buckingham Palace.

The broadcaster's voice his coverage of royal occasions. He still features in

gust 31 this year, he said.

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# Mirror vote on pay

Printworkers at Mirror Group Newspapers voted yesterday to accept a new pay and conditions deal. Mr Robert Maxwell, the Mirror Group publisher, said that a secret ballot of Sogat '82 members in London and Manchester had shown a 1,351 to 751 majority in favour of the package. Under the agreement, they would get a S per cent wage increase backdated to September and a lump sum equivalent to 3.5 per cent on wages from January 1 to Au-

# Terrorist supergrass evidence judged 'unsafe'

# Court frees 24 men on appeal

By Richard Ford

Twenty-four men found guilty of terrorist offences on the evidence of a supergrass walked free yesterday, after their convictions were quash-ed by the Court of Appeal.

Relatives and friends cheered and hugged the men as they and the end to the use of left Belfast Crown Court after the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lowry, sitting with two other judges, had delivered a one hour 20 minute written

They had been convicted a year ago of almost 200 terrorist offences on the word nf Harry Kirkpatrick, the former second in command of the of Mr Airey Neave, Conser- Kirkpatrick were unsafe and

**Galleries** 

gain from

paintings

tax deal

By Gavin Bell

Arts Correspondent

said yesterday.

of £187,000.

£2 million, most of it in

His "First Abstract Paint-

ing", which made an impact on contemporary art in 1924,

is one of two accorded to the

Tate Gallery in London. Others went to the Ashmolean

Museum in Oxford, the Fitz-

William Museum in Cam-

bridge, and to galleries in Manchester, Bristol, Aber-

funds, it is exciting for us to

● A grant of £500,000 from

the Wolfson Foundation has

completed funding for the first

phase of a project by the Tate

Gallery to create a permanent

display of twentieth century

painting and sculpture in Liverpool.

The support guarantees that the "Tate in the North" will

open in 1988. Nearly 3,000

square metres of public gal-

£45 £25

leries will be provided.

deen, York and Cleveland.

thinly-painted oil.

quality."

paintings and other works.

Irish National Liberation vative Party spokesman on must be quashed, it was ing a life sentence for the Army (INLA), who is serving Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland.

The probable that many of the murder of five members of the murder of the a life sentence after admitting five murders and 72 other serious crimes.

Three of the 24 went on hunger strike last Christmas, demanding an early appeal informer evidence in Northern Ireland courts.

They had been sentenced largely on the word of Kirkpatrick, aged 29, whose statements to the RUC in early 1982 dealt a devastating blow to the small terrorist organization, which claimed responsibility for the murder in 1979 Twenty-seven appealed ag-

ainst their convictions, alleg-. ing that the informer was a habitual liar" whose evidence had been unsafe. Three lost their appeals because they had made state-

ments of admission. Lord Lowry described Kirk-patrick as a "deeply flawed" witness who had hed, made numerous mistakes and been less than frank and straightforward during 26 days in the

witness box.

But Lord Lowry said that though all convictions on the uncorroborated evidence of

appellants were members of the INLA and there was a strong probability that they had been involved in the crimes, including terrorist

There are now no people in jail solely on the uncorroborated evidence of an informer and no supergrass trials

Among those freed yesterday was Gerard Steenson, aged 29, described by the trial judge as head of INLA's Belfast brigade and a most dangerous and sinister terror-

Mr Steenson had been serv-

security forces and a member of the "loyalist" paramilitary Ulster Defence Association. Another man freed was Mr

Thomas Power, aged 32, who had been convicted of the murder of an RUC reservist and was described as INLA brigade intelligence.

Yesterday's judgement is yet another blow to the use of supergrasses to secure convictions for terrorist crime in Northern Ireland. In three previous cases large numbers of men jailed on the word ne both provisional IRA and Ulster Volunteer Force informers were freed on appeal.

Widow of MP may stand for Alliance

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

Mr John Pardoe, former Liberal MP and past candidate for the party leadership, has made plain that he will not be a candidate in the byelection at Truro caused by the death of Mr David

Penhaligon-Although there will be no discussion in the Alliance until the new year about the timing of the by-election and selection of candidate, there had inevitably been speculation that Mr Pardoe, who left the Commons in 1979, might be tempted back in what is now a safe seat.

It is known that he would have been the choice of many Liberals who feel that, after the tragic loss of Mr Pen-haligoo on Monday, the party will need a senior figure to

take his place. But Mr Pardoe made clear vesterday that he did not intend to fight the seat and wished to concentrate his efforts on heading the Alliance's general election campaign through his post as chairman of the election

plannning group.
Some Liberals are speculating that Mr Penhaligon's wife. Annette, might be persuaded to stand, despite the obvious burden of her family respon-

With Mr Pardoe out of the running the leading contender could become Mr Paul Tyler, another former MP who is working as a close aide to Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader.

The strongest local can-didate could be Mr David Hughes, the Liberal-Alliance leader on Cornwall County Council.

A private family funeral service will be held for Mr Penhaligon on Tuesday, with a thanksgiving service in Truro Cathedral on January

Mr Steel annunced yes-

terday that a trust fund was being set up to honour the life of Mr Penhaligon. The three trustees will be Mr Steel. Mrs Penhaligon and Mr Julian Williams, the independent chairman of Cornwall council. Mr Steel said: "Anoette has a great to the setting up of the agreed to the setting up of the memorial trust but it is still too soon for any of us to have firm proposals for its use, except that it will be related to

# Cornwall. Falkland ruled out

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister last night again ruled out talks with Argentina on the future of the Falkland Islands, despite the growing clamour within the United Nations for negotiations.

In a Christmas message to the islanders, Mrs Margaret Thatcher said: "You have my promise that Britain will stand fast in support of your right to terday the placing of orders contracting some of the work worth £95 million for pas- to British Rail Engineering at worth £95 million for pas-senger carriages and other Derby.

The NUR, whose members workdecide your own future, even though other governments at the United Nations choose to apply that fundameotal principle in a very selective way. We shall not negotiate about

sovereignty."
The Prime Minister defended the British decision to impose a fishery conservation zone around the islands in February. She said: "We would have

not result in any immediate redundancies over and above preferred to work through the what it had already Food and Agriculture Organizatinn to manage fish-Mr Mitchell said that what eries in the whnle of the South the union was complaining Atlantic. But with Argentina about was that jobs would go refusing to co-operate we to Metro-Cammell rather than could not let another year go to its members.
British Rail Engineering by without taking the de-cisions needed to protect your won a smaller contract, also fish stocks. announced yesterday, to provide 52 driving van trailers for

"Their depletion would damage other elements of your natural heritage so we had to act and stand up for VOUT interests." Mrs Thatcher said: "When

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Mother united

With daughter

Fears

we sent the task force in 1982 it was tn protect your land and your democratic rights and I cannot stress too much how deeply we feel about this".

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The Queen and Sir David Attenborough, the film producer, in the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace yesterday during filming for the Queen's message, to be broadcast on Christmas afternoon (Photograph: Joan Williams, BBC).

# Thatcher endangered by Paisley leak interviews she pointed out the

Continued from page 1

ised an investigation into a leak which has embarrassed officials and her security advisors.

Miss Jane Munro, assistant The Northern Ireland Ofkeeper of paintings and drawings at the FitzWilliam, said it had received "Ivory", a fice said it was obvious that the enemies of Northern Ire-land would wish to have the Prime Minister's itinerary and "We were absolutely dethat anyone revealing details lighted. Since we have virtu-ally nothing in purchasing of it was doing no favour to the province and UK.

ie province and UK It was a matter of concern acquire a work of this that some person or persons largely Unionist areas where had departed from the prin-

these details but it would not deter Mrs Thatcher from visiting the province Since the Anglo-Irish agree-

ment was signed 13 months ago there have been a series of leaks which because of the small size of Northern Ireland the Government has been unable to stop.

visit was an annual event until ers at Hillsborough Castle. 1983 and she normally visited both the security forces and

However she signed the agreement in 1985 she would clearly be at risk from loyalist demonstrators in any public engagement.

Yesterday she was surrounded by tight security when she visited bases in Co Armagh, north and east Belfast before lunching with Mrs Thatcher's Christmas community and business lead-

advantages of devolution for the province.

I hope that one day both traditions in Northern Ireland

will say 'Look, if there's to be a future for our children, we have to learn to live together. "That cannot come from the outside. We can provide

security forces to help the RUC, we can provide the Despite continuing Union- framework of an agreement ist opposition to the agreement Mrs Thatcher said the but in the end a change of had departed from the prinio the past she was enthusiasciple of loyalty and revealed tically greeted on walkabouts. Government would not abrogate it and in a series of people in Northern Ireland." Government would not ab- heart has to come from the

man the engineering work-shops, said that it calculated

other 1,000 jobs at the work-

But British Rail Engineering

the main west coast ronte at a cost of £12 million.

Mr Mitchell denied that the

Government was reviewing

the financial targets set for

British Rail for the next three

years because of criticisms

that BR would have to cut its

Union anger over

£95m rail order

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

British Rail announced yes- Birmingham, which is sub-

annonnced.

# **Brent's education** policies criticized

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Brent council's educatinn way, aged 43, the former head olicies were yesterday la- of Kilburn Park Junior policies were yesterday labelled catastrophic by the leader of one of the main teaching unions. The criticism comes after the news of another head teacher's departure from the troubled north

London borough.
Mr David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, which represents more than 26.000 heads and deputies, accused Brent of imposing its policies on its employees and said the morale of teachers was now at an all-time low.

"Brent is now as dictatorial an education authority that one could possibly come across," he added. The NAHT has 80 members in the

borough's schools. His thoughts were echoed by Mr Peter Snape, the general secretary of the Secondary Heads Association, who said he believed the situation for his members in the borough

was now intolerable. The latest expressions of concern with the council's policies come after the resignation of Miss Janet Hatha- Brent's schools.

School.

She is reported to have made the decision because she lived in fear of being falsely accused of racism and also because she felt she was receiving inadequate support for her work from the local council.

Four senior teachers have now become caught up in Brent's determined drive to combat racism in the borough.

Miss Hathaway, a member of the National Union of Teachers and also a former member of the NAHT, has now moved from London and will resume her teaching career in the Luton area

Brent council made the headlines when it began to pursue Miss Maureen Mc-Goldrick, the head of Sudbury Infants School, for making an allegedly racist remark. Reports of staff shortages

and teacher hostility to antiracism policies have prompted Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, to order an inspection of

the decision would cost anloss of 1,000 jobs. One order, worth £82.8 million, is for 217 coaches of a new design and other vehicles said that the placing of the to be used on the mainline east order outside Derby would coast route, which is being electrified.

ran into complaints from the

National Union of Railway-

men that it would cause the

The electrified service will open between London and Peterborough next spring, and the complete service as far as Edinburgh will come into use in 1991. The coaches, which are due

to be delivered between 1989 and 1991, will cost £8.5 million more than coaches which it had originally been intended should be used, but Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said that the cost was justified because they would provide increased safe-

and a better ride. The contract has been awarded to Metro-Cammell at services unacceptably.

# ty, lower maintenance costs

# **Hunt dispute**

# Farmer shoots foxhounds

By David Sapsted

they threatened his deer.

Mr Wrayford said: "The

bloodbath

A shotgun blast that caused death and injury among a pack of foxhounds has shattered the tranquility of the South Devon countryside and promised to become a cause celebre in the dispote between huntsmen and anti-field sport farmers.

South Devon Foxhounds has told the police that it complaint from the hunt, a wants Mr Philip Wrayford, a report on the incident was farmer, prosecuted for killing one of the bounds and wounding four others when they "We shall decide what, if strayed on to his land at any, action to take when that Whiteway Barton, near King-

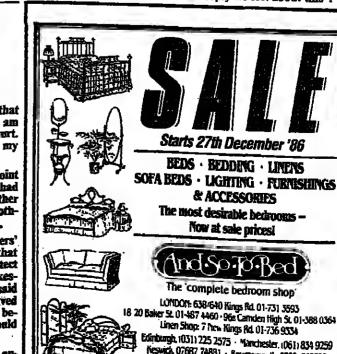
But Mr Wrayford, aged 52, said yesterday that he was justified in firing at the pack because they were heading for an enclosure holding his herd "I fired two warning shots but they had no effect, so I of 23 deer worth £12,000. The farmer, who opposes

June that he did not want it on his land. After some bounds sorry the animals were burt. strayed on to his farm last But I had to protect my month, he warned the hunt livestock." that he would shoot the dogs if Mr David Herring, joint

hunt master, said one dog had died of its injuries, another Devon and Cornwall Police said yesterday that, after a needed surgery and three others had been hit by pellets. being compiled by a Teign-mouth officer. The National Farmers'

Union said last night that farmers had n right to protect their animals, while a spokesman for the RSPCA said report is received," the force hunts should not be absolved of responsibility simply be-cause a pack of bounds could dogs were trying to get under the fence and, if they had done be hard to control.

However, the Country Lanso, there would bave been 2 downers' Association saw no damental clash between farming and hunting interests.



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# Police drink-drive campaign reduces breath test arrests

More than 1,600 motorists brought a "notable decrease" ave failed breath tests in four in the number of drivers have failed breath tests in four days in England and Wales, but there are signs that this year's campaign against drink-ing and driving is working. Several police forces have

reported an improvement on last year. A spokesman for the Nottinghamshire police, which runs one of the toughest anti-drink driving campaigns in Britain, said yesterday that the average number of pos-itive hreath tests was slightly down on the previous three

The Norfolk police also reported that motorists were heeding the Christmas-New Year campaign. Only 52 out of 137 drivers so far breathalyzed after accidents had failed the test, 13 less than last year.

arrested. There were only 11 positive breath tests in the last three days, compared with 14 in the same period last year. There have been no fatal accidents on Staffordshire roads in the last week.

Public houses have reported record sales of low-alcohol beer in many areas, while fruit juice and soft drink sales are well up, along with a big increase in the number of patrons ordering taxis. Liquor licensees also reported buoy-ant sales of alcohol to those not driving.

Mr Peter Joslin, Chief Constable of Warwickshire, and secretary of the traffic committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said In Staffordshire, the police yesterday: "Ultimately we said that the campaign bad must make drinking and driv-

Table of number of motorists failing breath-tests, plus total of injury accidents. Figures compiled by police forces in England and Wales between 6am on Friday, December 19th, and 6am

lests	Accidents				Association antich and
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14	14	Northumbria	36	55	an eventuality, said. Claims
	29	N Wales	38	11	relating to November and the
12	41	N Yorks	13	31	early part of December are
	60	Notts	70	58	fairly quiet."
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		S Yorks	75	56	In the Norwich area, nearly
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25	24	Surrey	37	56	teered to take part in a
		Susséx	43	59	"designated driver" campaign
			74	106	launched by the Norwich
50			15	26	Brewery. It encourages groups
			40	52	to select a driver for the
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An injury accident is one in which a person requires hospital to

# fact that over 1,600 drivers have provided positive breath tests in only four days and there is obviously a likelihood that they will not only lose their licences but also their Figures compiled on behalf of the association show that contrary to popular belief tween drinking and traffic accidents in different areas. This is in part due to the differing categories of roads in various police regions. A motorway with a big flow of long-distance traffic cannot he ntilized hy party-goers and

Mr Terry Waite at a Crisis at Christmas centre for the homeless in east London yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

# Britons fly out after spending spree

By Kenneth Gosling

This Christmas has seen one of the biggest spending sprees for years and now many Britons are heading for sunspots abroad to escape the chills of winter.

Bnt according to the Lon-don Weather Centre they probably have nothing to worry about so far as sub-zero temperatures are concerned.

The odds are beavily against snow falling on Christ-mas Day, "Mild but unsett-led", is the forecast. If a single snowflake falls in either London or Manchester on the 25th, William Hill, the book-makers, stand to lose £50,000.

Travel companies estimated that more than 250,000 people would be flying out of Britain to destinations such as Spain, Majorca, the Canaries, Benidorm, and ski resorts.

In London, Victoria Coach Station reported that by the end of today, 60,000 passengers travelling on 900 coaches will have passed through the terminus. British Rail inter-city services will have carried a million pas-sengers in the last three days. on last year. The top seller is

By Jonathan Miller

The BBC knew about

money contributed by truck-

ing interests to a film on road

transport, the film's producer

said yesterday.

The showing of the film was abruptly cancelled by the

Mr Jeff Perks, a director of

Riverfront Pictures, of Wap-

ping east London, said the BBC had a copy of his

agreement with the road haul-

age interests promising that the film would "increase pub-

lic awareness of the trucking

corporation last week.

at 10 o'clock tonight. France's rail strike was causing problems and holidaymakers planning to travel there were advised 10 go

via Ostend. Plenty of country hotel

A thief without a conscience yesterday stale the ingredients far 250 Christmas dinners at Boscombe Hospital, Bournemouth, Dorset. The haul in-cluded six 18 lh turkeys, turkey breasts, 55 lh nf bacon, 12 lh nf chipolatas and 30 lh of sausages.

Christmas breaks are being booked by people who enjoy traditional fare and hlazing log fires, without the problems of clearing up.

Record takings have been reported by all the large stores. By the close of business tonight, Harrods said that they expected to have sold 100 tonnes of Christmas pudding, more than 17 miles of tinsel and 92 miles of ribbon.

Hamleys, one of the biggest toy stores in the world, re-ported sales up by 20 per cent

was to have been broadcast

last Friday night. The BBC

said the programme would not

be shown until it was satisfied

that financial arrangements

had not violated the pro-hibition against broadcasting

The BBC said last night that

the review of the programme

arrangements would not be

completed until after Christ-

mas. "We postponed the

transmission to give us time to

clarify the exact relationship

between the suppliers of some

of the trucks and the source of

sponsored programmes.

family leave for the New Year The rail network closes down the radio-controlled car, but computerized cats and talking hreak at Sandringham. teddy bears also went well.

One man bought a petroldriven, child-sized replica MG car for £4,900. The boom was not being matched in the drink trade,

even though port and spar-kling wines were said to he selling well. It was a record season for the Royal Mail. By the end of deliveries today, more than 1,400 million items will have

been handled, which is 100 million up on last year. All 300,000 children who wrote to Father Christmas in "Reindeer Land" received a

Christmas for the Royal Family brings the traditional house party at Windsor Castle. The Queen went to Windsor last Friday, after seeing a preview of her televised Christmas message which is several thousand such guests being broadcast on Christmas who would otherwise sleen afternoon. The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret arrived at Windsor yesterday and other members of the family

 Although paniomime was missing from the West End of London this year, some 200 regional theatres, under the wing of the Theatrical Management Association, reported good husiness. Cinderella is still the favourite, with Jack and the Beanstalk second. Aladdin and Dick Whittington joint third and

Peter Pon fourth. A queue of homeless people were warmed with a Christ-mas meal and the genial smile of Mr Terry Waite, special envoy to the Archhishop of Canterbury, when they turned up at a disused factory in east

London yesterday. They were there at the start of the week-long "Open Christmas", organized by the charity Crisis At Christmas, which expects to play host to

rough over the festive period. Visitors to the factory, in Verney Road, Rotherhithe, will receive the services of a arrive tomorrow. barber, a chiropodist and medical staff as well as a until Sunday when she and her change of clothes.

# winner on Monday. Mrs Jnyce Eames, aged 52, from Foston, Derhy, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in The Times. "It is unbelievable in bave wnn. I just can't take it in," she tended spending the prize money, Mrs Eames said: "My one daughter is getting mar-

Winner to

help her

daughters A hnusewife is the winner of

yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £8,000. There was no

ried in the spring and the other one is a hard-up law student. I shall use the money to help

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Mrs Joyce Eames: could not believe her luck.

### £9,000 salary for 'Robinson Crusoe' type

A search is on for a "Rubin-son Crusoe" to run Flat Halm, a tiny, almost circular, 50-acre island in the Bristol Channel,

South Glamorgan County Council is advertising for its first warden to manage the island's nature reserve and look after visitors to the new field studies centre. The two-year appointment

has an annual salary of about £9,000 and a bome in an old converted farmhouse is in-cluded with the job. The island is a half-hour boat trip from Barry, South Wales.
Dr David Worrall, Flat

Hnlm project manager, said: "It would ideally suit n married couple because we are looking for all-round skills.

"The warden will have to be with people. With all the visitnrs there won't be much

At present, three lighthouse

# Prices war could be smokers' joy

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

benefit of a Christmas price each summer. war between Britain's tobacco manufacturers.

Within a few days three leading brands of cigarettes have had their prices slashed by up to 5p for a packet of 20.

These reductions come at a time when cheap foreign imports are appearing in growing numbers on supermarket shelves, turning smokers against the more expensive British brands.

The cheaper imported cigarettes have also prompted fears of joh losses among production workers in British tobacco firms.

place against a background of falling sales, which in October were down 6 per cent over 12 months. All the key manufacturers

are playing down the prospect of a price war in eigarettes and none more so than those which have cut prices. Philip Morris, makers of

Mariboro, the world's bestselling cigarette, led the way with a 5p cut on its king-size packs 10 bring the price down to £1.45. Its lower tar Lights went down to £1.40.

Mariboro also cut 4p off a pack of Raffles, its most re-cently launched brand, which had been selling at £1.44 for

Then Imperial Tobacco, Britain's biggest tobacco man-ufacturer, cut 5p off its John Player Special hrand, reducing the price to £1.45.

For most of this decade the tobacco manufacturers have raised prices by about 2p a pack of 20 at the turn of the during next year.

Smokers could reap the year, after a similar increase

There are several factors which look like changing the pattern, in addition to the slide in overall sales. Not only is this market decline squeez-ing the main brands but their scope has also been limited by the growth in cheap imports.

These have risen from 7 per cent of the market a year ago to 10 per cent. West German tobacco manufacturers with spare capacity have supplying mainly supermarkets and distributive op-erations like Spar and Nurdin and Peacock with own-label products. These are being sold The price cuts have taken at prices about 20p below the main hranded cigarettes.

> The manufacturers blame the taxation rises of the Chancellor for creating the con-ditions in which the cheaper cigarettes are thriving.

But what could gear up the marketing battle through price cuts is the likelihood that the Chancellor, who added 11p to a pack of 20 in the last Budget, could add a fresh hurden next year and drive more prices over the psychological barrier of £1.50 a pack.

The fear is that particularly cheap imports could grow further and that would mean the British makers could he faced with more closures and

In three years, six tobacco factories have been closed and the Tobacco Advisory Council, the manufacturers' trade body, expects that jobs which numbered 27,500 in 1984 are likely to be down to 20,000

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# Drug gang exposed by hotelier

indication that we are achiev-

ing our aim, but it remains a

livelihoods. Our only advice is: 'Do not drink and drive'."

there is little correlation be-

compared with local roads

"It is not possible to make a

real comparison with any previous figures," Mr Joslin

Mr Ian Ruff, director of St Christopher Motorists' Sec-urity Association, which pro-

pub-crawlers

ficking gang whn planned to smuggle cocaine from Peru to Britain was jailed for 20 years yesterday.

The 2.6 kg of cocaine found together with cash in an hotel bedroom used by Peter Duffy, aged 47, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, was thought to be the biggest inland seizure of

- His deputy, Israel Jara, aged 34, a Spanish-speaking Peruvian, of no fixed address, vas sentenceu i prisonment, and four other members of the gang received seatences of up to 10 years at Mold Crown Court, Clwyd.

At the end of the trial Mr Robert Bradshaw, an botel wner whose actions helped police catch the gang, was praised and given a £1,500

The court was told that Mr Bradshaw, of the Sutton Hall Hotel, near Macclesfield, became suspicinus after he noticed a mis-spelt address used

a false passport and alerted police. They found the cocaine and the money in a wardrobe. The Home Secretary is to decide whether Jara, who is

Three men and n woman whn supplied the cocaine in London were also jailed.

his girl friend, Margaret Con-don, aged 35, of the same address, also unemployed, was jailed for five years.

Britain in October 1985. Another member of the gang, Geoffrey De Freitas, aged 28, of Fulham Road, south-west London, admitted supplying cocaine and gave evidence against the others. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisenment.

# The leader of a drug-traf-

He discovered that Jara had

wanted for drug offences in Florida, should be deported.

Loxley Hilton, aged 38, of Park Road, Westbourne Park, west London, unemployed, re-ceived a 10-year sentence and

Malcoim Jacobs, aged 46, a professional card player, of Park Crescent, central Lon-don, was jailed for five years. All five had denied charges concerning the importation of £500,000 worth of cocaine into The film, Night Moves, was the co-production funding Hindley still keen to help in moor search

close the files on two missing children.

Cookham Wood Prison in Kent, Hindley and Mr Michael Fisher discussed her visit to Saddleworth Moor last week and the possibility of returning there next spring when the search resumes for the bodies of Pauline Reade, aged 16, and Keith Bennett, aged 12.

ing Mr Fisher said: "She has told me she is perfectly happy to go back up there if that is what is wanted by the police and the Home Office." He said it would take some time for a second visit to be organized even if Home Office

Scent and taste are regarded

permission was given.

Mr Fisher, talking about the publicity sourrounding the visit, said: "She certainly found some of the stories that have been printed about her She accepts that there is a

there had been more time. "It would not have been

# may have to be considered in a day. The alcoholic vapour alone would be enough to

system can be used for almost any food.

drink buyers:

Scotch, particulary abroad. On holiday in Greece, Dr Piggntt funnd a "quite plausible" whisky bottled in Knrea, Taiwan and Nigeria. cheating", particularly on claims about how their whisky is made. Quality may vary in some whiskies.

withdrawn from the BBC brought in by the independent from that film. The BBC had the film, he said. Mr Perks denied making any agreement to portray any

of the sponsors in a favourable light, although all those who contributed were promised a screen credit for their support. All the sponsors had been shown a copy of the "treat- tor Manufacturers and Tradment" for the film, a detailed outline that made it clear that the programme was to be a trade magazine.

celebratory piece about trucks and the men and women who drive them, he acknowledged. The film, part of the Arena series, was based on Night Mail, the 1936 film about the railways and included footage

BBC 'knew of cash for trucking film'

Mr Perks said he had raised £75,000 from Volvo Trucks, Petrofina, Bandag Tyres, the Road Haulage Association, TNT Transport, Wincanton Transport, the Society of Moers and Commercial Motor, a

His company had taken a £10,750 commission and passed the rest to the BBC, which had contributed £75,000 to the production. Mr Perks said that he was paid £8,800 by the BBC for his 16 weeks of work on the film.

a jack-of-all-trades. Althrough the joh will phylously attract someone interested in solitude. they will have to get on well

time to get lonely."

Although low and rocky, Flat Hnlm has a rich history. Over the centuries it has been home to Danish pirates, monks and Victorian soldiers. In 1897, Marconi used it to send the first wireless message ncross water in nearby Lavernock Point on the Welsh

keepers are the nnly residents.

Myra Hindley met her solic-itor yesterday and told him that she is still determined to

During their meeting at

After the 90-minute meet-

very strong public feeling against her, and that will be reflected through the media. "But she does feel very defenceless and helpless against fabricated stories. "Her main point about last

week's visit is that it could have been so much better if "It was at least half a day before she could get her bearings out on the open space like that, but later on in the afternoon she did recognize

possible to identify those areas from photographs and maps."

buckle the knees. The "nosers" sit in red-lit cubicles; the red lighting pre-vents them identifying the colour and thus the brand. The

The researchers caution Watch out for counterfeit

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# Mother united with daughter after 31 years

A mother and daughter were reunited yesterday after 31 years apart. Mrs Maria Graham, aged 53, of Hornsey, north London,

was an unmarried mother when she gave up her baby daughter in Austria in 1955. The daughter, now Mrs Linda Haynes, aged 31, lives in Colchester, Essex.

They mel again after Mrs Graham Iold a Radio London phone-in programme how her mother had insisted the bahy should be adopted. Mrs Haynes' husband Melvyn was listening and recognized his wife's description. Mrs Haynes was adopted by

an Army couple serving in Austria and Mrs Graham

came to England, married and had six other children.

# Academics with a nose for Scotch When whisky drinkers raise a glass this Christmas, they

may like to include a toast to Dr Jnhn Piggott. For his research should ensure that favoured brands of Scotch retain the mellow, smooth, peaty or rugged quality that attracts the connoisseur to a particular blend.

Dr Piggett and his team at Strathclyde University may appear to have one of the country's most envied research projects. Every day in the laboratory they test perhaps a dozen or more brands of Scotch whisky as part of a big research contract nn behalf of nne of the world's largest

The task is to help to ensure that Scotland's most famous export arrives tasting as it has always done. No matter that it is blended from up to 40

#### By Pearce Wright, Science Editor But not a drop of the beverage passes the lips of Dr Piggott and his volunteer as "overlapping" senses, and the researchers have compiled panel of food scientists. They a vocabulary of 24 words to

only smell, or "nose the whisky", during 15-minute daily sessions in the Depart-ment of Bioscience and Biotechnology. In fact, the university team is testing the The scientists have developed a "scoring" system to characterize different whisky

combined smell reactions of the panel. In principle, that enables any whisky flavour to be permanently recorded. At present whisky producers depend heavily on the "flavour

memory" of the hiender. Sometimes over the years his memory for taste may drift, and the flavour of the whisky will change," Dr Pionatt eggs.

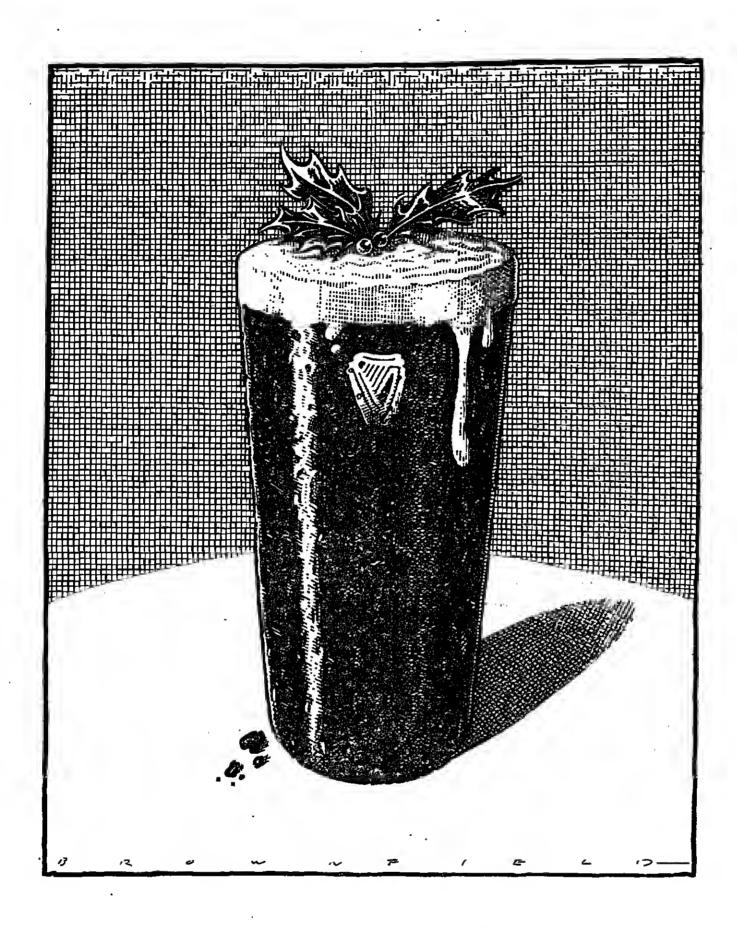
Some of the Dr Piggott's descriptions sound more appropriate to confectionery. A favourite whisky, Lang's Su-preme, he describes as "cream and apple pie, vanillary smooth, almost creamy with n

describe the taste.

tastes. It is made up of the grainy, malty and untty to mouldy, soapy, meaty and fishy. In their terms, some whiskies "taste fruity (like nail varnish), or grassy putting your head inside a dustbin full of grass), or even catty (the smell of tom cats)". Each whisky is given a score of about six of the descriptive

slightly fruity background".

It is not tasted, as wine is, because no to 1.000 whiskys



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# Parents of children who gamble plan new support groups

Parents worried about children who lie, cheat and steal in order to gamble, are planning to increase the number of groups set up for mutual support. Groups have already been formed in five towns and

Another two groups are planned and others may follow wherever a need emerges. A spokesman for Gambler Anonymous said that research by Exeter University showed that 80 per cent of two classes

of children aged 14 were playing machines. The average age for starting to play The Rev Gordon Moody. honorary founder and patron of Gamhlers' Anonymous, said that not all were playing

excessively, but some enildren become addicted. "They gamble away their dinner money. This begins before they are 13. By 13, they are pretty sure to be stealing from parents and brothers and sisters and

grandparents and things are disappearing out of the By the time they reached age 16, handbags and wallets could not safely be left around the house and some rooms

had to be locked. "From 16, they are likely to have policemen knocking at the door. By 18 they may have served custodial sentences. The whole bome is devastated

"They sell everything they have: mini-computers, radios and record players and toys. I dare say some clothes go with in them", the group said.

Trouble is caused with other children in the family and parents do not know whether appearing in pubs and clubs an ordinary request for money is, in fact, for gambling. Mr Moody said that he

started a group called Parents of Young Gamblers because children were not getting what they needed from Gamhlers' Anonymous.

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Kingdom.

or video pasties.

powers correctly

agreed not to export the

machines to the United

That was about eight

months ago. A small number

had come in, but the associ-

ation was satisfied that no more were being imported, Mr Willis said. The association

was against game programmes

which involved pornography

Attacking the action group's

general campaign, Mr Willis said: "Our view is that the

Gaming Act is perfectly ade-

amusement arcades, provided

local authorities exercise their

erated was restricted by law to

amusement with prizes; by

amusement dominated it.
"For that reason we don't see

these as hard gaming ma-chioes but purely as amuse-

ment with trivial prizes."

The type of machine op-

The idea is to help parents adjust to a gambling child and help each other to live through the period he or she is going to

"There is nothing you can do to stop a child gamhling unless it wants to, especially when it is older, say past 14," Mr Meody said.

More concern is expressed by the Amusement Arcade Action Group, which has more than 20 London boroughs and a number of city and district councils among its nationwide membership.

It sees under-age gambling as one of the problems associated with amusement arcades and centres. They are often too near schools. churches and residential areas.

the group said. The group was formed to quate to cover the operation of campaign for a strengthening of the laws relating to amusement arcades and centres to enable local authorities to control their proliferation and

"Amusement arcades and law the level of prize was centres are the only form of controlled in such a way that gamhling where there is no age limit on participation. Children of all ages can freely play The group is also campaign-

around the country. The group wants the video ma-chines to have the same licensing controls as gaming machines. Video strip poker is played with a 10p piece, which may result in a girl taking Mr Alan Willis, general secretary of the British Amusement Catering Trades Association, said that after the need for action was expressed the association's annual meeting a year ago, the American company concerned

> John Timpson, left, pictured with co-presenter Brian Redhead, will this morning make his final broadcast as host of the popular BBC Radio 4 news programme *Today*. He is moving back to Norfolk, where he will write a column for the regional daily newspaper, but will continue to appear on the Any Questions radio programme (Photograph: Graham Wood).

> > Farming surpluses: 3

# Casting doubt over value of forestry

A few days ago the Auditor General put the cat among some already none too complacent pigeons by issuing a report casting doubt on whether a national forestry programme was economically

It clearly came as a shock to the forestry industry which, though well accustomed to attacks by conservationists, has all along claimed that it is creating a valuable national asset with important benefits to employment and to the balance of payments.

More recently it has been able to offer a productive alternative use for farmland which, for one reason or another, will no longer be

economic to cultivate. The report, although an official government publication, appeared to be largely based on an accompanying report by a private company of consultants which reached some curiously sweeping con-clusions, ootably that "there are oo important environmental, balance of payments or strategic considerations

Peace plea

Manchester United and

Liverpool football clubs are

uniting in a special Christmas

message to end the hitter

rivalry between fans and bring

When the Manchester Unit-

Mr Boh Paisley, the former

most successful manager in

be in stark contrast to the

incident last February when

several United players were

affected by gas sprayed in

their faces as they left their

Tradition will be swept aside to allow both teams of

the internationally renowned chibs to take the field side hy

peace to the terraces.

In his third and final article John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, asks whether it would be in the national interest to invest in a large-scale afforestation programme.

which justify the acceptance of a low rate of return on new investment in state forestry". Equally contentious was its argument that, because for-estry investment was oot directed at the inner cities where unemployment was highest. and because it created rel-

stages, it could oot be seen as cost-effective in employment It suggested that because unemployment was now higher in urban than in rural areas, government funds should be redirected, although the authors failed to specify

atively few jobs in the early

what sort of projects they had Their decidedly "dry" accountants' assessment of the benefits of forestry is challenged by Mr Jack Boddy, secretary of the agricultural workers' section of the Trans-port and General Workers' Union.

Last month be expressed concern at moves by conservationists to curtail forestry development which, he said, could have a serious effect on employment prospects.

"Forestry is the one area in the countryside where there is any prospect of expansion of jobs," be said. "Investment in forestry, whether in the public or private sector, means jobs, improved services, better housing and all the benefits which those people living in an urban environment already

In contrast the Auditor General's report was warmly welcomed by Mr Robin Council for the Protection of

Grove-White, director of the Rural England. To him it vindicated the council's claim that "far from being ecocomic from the

nation's viewpoint, present patterns of afforestation are

decidedly uneconomic and

attractive financially only to certain investors and state foresters because of the various incentives provided by the taxpaver". Mr Grove-White clearly de-

rived more satisfaction from the Auditor General than from the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities. The committee earlier this month found in favour of continuing tax concessions and of exempting forestry from planning controls.

But their lordships also suggested that more better-quality land should be planted io the lowlands to supplement present afforestation in the

That finds an echo in the Auditor Geoeral's report which observes that lowland woods and forests, where agriaulture no longer claims priority, would provide both a better financial return and more amenity and recreational advantages than the wilder reaches of the kingdom.

Coscluded

# Ban urged on 'risky' child care booklet

By Jill Sherman

Two more children's organizations yesterday joined the National Deaf Children's Society in their attempt to get a booklet on preventive child health withdrawn.

The society has claimed that the booklet, Handbook of Preventive Care for Pre-school children, is so inaccurate that children eould be put seriously at risk if the guidance is

followed. It is intended as a guide for GPs and was written by the Briosh Medical Association (BMA) and the Royal College

of General Practitioners.

Mr Harry Cayton, director of the society, said that at least ive sections in the chapter on speech and hearing give wrong advice about testing for speech defects at an early age, and would discourage doctors from seeking specialist advice. "The crucial age for speech

development is six months to three years. If hearing defects are diagnosed after this period this will result in develop-mental delay and a possible permanent language probem," he said.

He has written to Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, asking him to put pressure on the BMA and the Royal College to withdraw the

Yesterday the National Children's Bureau and the Voluntary Council for Handi-capped Children said that other sections on vision and physical and meotal development were also inaccurate.

Dr Ron Davie, director of the National Children's Bu-reau, said: "Our feeling is that the book should be withdrawn immediately. It does a dis-service to children by failing to give accurate advice to general practitioners." The BMA said yesterday that the booklet was being revised and comments were being taken into account. But it gave a warning that sending more children to specialists at an earlier age would only lengthen waiting lists for paediatrie ear, nose and throat special-

Mr Cayton said yesterday "We are very coocerned that the BMA is using inadequacies of existing services for the inaccuracies in their booklet. If this is an admission oo its part that the booklet is inaccurate, why hasn't it already been withdrawn?"

# Hospital suspends Aids protester

Health chiefs have sus- Police were yesterday pended a worker at Sheffield's searching for Glynn Williams, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, after she refused to handle blood samples because of the

Aids scare. The woman, a laboratory worker, refused to carry out tests after she complained that there was oot coough informa-

tion on safe handling. Although the samples were not thought to be contaminated with the Aids virus, she claimed that she and other

staff could be at risk. A spokesman for the local government union. Nalgo, to of the police station. which the women belongs, said: "She has worked at the hospital for 13 years, but has become unhappy about han-dling blood samples because of the recent publicity about

'She has a genuine concern. She is not just being awkward."

A hospital spokesman said: "All the woman's questions on safety had been answered but she still refused to do the work and has been suspended

on full pay-This is a routine job, carried out hy three other people in her department and numerous other people in bospitals throughout Shefaged 23, an Aids sufferer, who escaped through a window at

Lancashire, wearing only a white paper disposable suit. A police spokesman said that Mr Williams, from Manchester, was being questioned about a burglary. He had oot

Rawtenstall police station,

been charged. "Inquiries revealed that be was an Aids sufferer," be said. Mr Williams was consulting the duty solicitor in the ground floor interview room

"He picked up a small filing cabinet, threw it through the

"When be escaped, he was bare-footed and wearing a one-piece white disposable pa-

The spokesman emphasized that Mr Williams was not wearing this because of his Aids condition. It was because his elothes were undergoing forensic examination.

Rather than stand around with nothing on, he was given the suit," the spokesman said. "No special operation has been mounted to find him. Mr Williams is being treated as an ordinary escapee.

# Sergeant jailed for fabrication

A policeman who invented evidence was yesterday jailed at Leeds Crown Court for three years.

A jury took 20 minutes to convict Sergeant Robert Law-son oo four counts of acting with intent to pervert the course of justice.

Judge Hurwitz told him: "When a police officer chooses to turn himself into an instrument of venecance. oot only does be become a bad officer but also an extremely dangerous one from the public point of view.

"I find myself io a position of not merely punishing you but having to make it very clear to other police officers that a very serious view is taken of this sort of behaviour.

"You have disgraced your nniform. More than that you have brought disgrace inevitably upon the police force of which you claim to be so proud. It is difficult to think of conduct by a police sergeant of graver nature."

The court heard that Lawson, aged 34, who denied the charges, fabricated interviews with two men then instructed junior officers to corroborate the evidence.

Lawson, of Horbury, West orkshire, ripped the tunic of a constable then invented confessions of assaulting a police officer by one of the

He wrongly arrested the second man for being drunk and disorderly and Lawson, who was based at Wood Street station in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, again fabricated

In court he consistently denied behaving improperly and said his notes of the interviews were a true record of what had happened. The judge told him: "Noth-

ing in this case is more serious than the involvement by you of junior officers in what you were doing".

It was those officers who had reported Lawson to their

Player on bail

Brentford footballer, of Ju-bilee Drive, South Ruislip, west London, who is accused of assaulting a woman at a night club, was remanded on bail until January 20 at Uxhridge Magistrates' Court yes-

# side, led by opposition mascots to alternative ends of the ground where fans are massed Liverpool players will kick footballs autographed by the United players into the visit-ing fans' terraces while the Manchester team will shower the famous Kop at Anfield with footballs signed by the

home team. The peace offerings are part of a well planned strategy to end years of enmity between supporters of the clobs.

Talks aimed at diffusing the

rivalry have involved the man-agers and senior executives from both clubs. Directors are acutely disturbed by escalating terrace violence and are determined to bring it to an

Mr Peter Robinson, Liverpool's chief executive, said: "It is no good burying our heads in the sand, something has to be done and we thought the Boxing Day venue would Match preview, page 29

# Stolen car abandoned on line derails train Joyriders who abandoned a concrete ramp on to the track.

stolen car on a railway line were responsible for a derail-

An empty four-carriage train hit the car at Winchfield Station, on the line between Basingstoke and Addlestone. Police said that nobody was hurt in the accident, which happened as the 4.47am train

was travelling towards Addleston, Surrey. "They must be lunatics; they could bave killed scores of people", a spokesman said. The car appeared to have been

The car, a Ford Cortina, had been stolen a few hours earlier from a garage at Hartley Wintney, near Basingstoke, Hampshire.

British Rail said: "It is the main Exeter line into London and is ohviously very husy. There could have been a terrible tragedy; a lot of express passenger trains use the

There are four lines through the station and the accident caused chaos for commuters. driven on to the platform of There the tiny statioo and down the delays. There were track closures and



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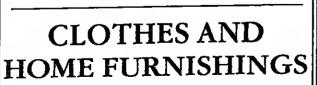
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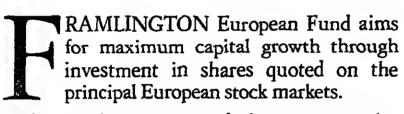


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# WORLD SUMMARY

# Polish church told to curb priests

Warsaw - The Catholic Church should smooth the way for a new papal pilgrimage to Poland by curbing priests who deliver outspoken anti-Communist sermons, the Polish Government declared yesterday (Roger Boyes writes).

Mr. Jarzy Lirban, the government gnakesman said that the

Government declared yesterday (Roger Boyes writes).

Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman, said that the church should strive to create "the appropriate atmosphere" for the Pope's visit in June. That meant keeping a firm grip on the use of the pulpit to deliver homilies critical of the government and of the Communist system.

The Church leadership is not likely to take much notice of that warning, which falls significantly short of being a precondition for the papal pilgrimage. After a meeting on Monday between the Polish primate. Cardinal Jozef Glemp, and the Polish leader, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, it is clear that the Pope's visit will go ahead anyway.

However, as the government indicated yesterday, the fall itinerary has yet to be worked out; it should be ready before General Jaruzelski visits the Vatican on January 15. The main problem is still whether the Pope should be allowed to visit Gdansk, birthplace of Solidarity, and hold the inevitable round of controversial discussions with Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the outlawed trade union.

Other stops on the papal tour have been agreed, including

Other stops on the papal tour have been agreed, including Lublin, Warsaw, Czestechowa, and Lodz, according to

Price of

Bonn - Helmut Pobl, aged 42, a Red Army Faction terrorist, was sen-tenced to life imprisonment

yesterday for a bomb at-tack on a US Air Force base in West Germany in August 1981 which injured 17 people (John England

His accomplice, Stefan Frey, aged 26, was sen-tenced to 4½ years' jail.

Both men were also found

guilty of being members of a terrorist organization and forging identity documents after a trial in a heavily-

guarded courtroom lasting 11 months.

terror

# Sailor missing

growing over the fate of an 18-year-old British sailor, Simon Parkes, reported missing by HMS Illus-trious when the aircraft carrier called at Gibraltar 13 days ago (Dominique Searle writes).

Both the military and local police have carried out extensive searches of the Rock's cliffs, caves and tunnels using helicopters and climbing parties, but on trace has been found. Although his passport re-mains on board, he may have crossed into Spain via the frontier.

# Back in the fold

Valletta - Malta's House of Representatives has resolved to rejoin the Communwealth Parliamentary Association, after an absence of three years (Austin Samuet writes).
The withdrawal had

been in protest against the association's lack of sup-port in Malta's dispute with Britain, since settled, over wartime wrecks and bombs in local waters. During the same sitting, the Prime Minister, Dr

Carmelo Bonnici, right, moved the first reading of a Bill to amend the Constitution, which would entrench the principle that the party winning 50 per cent of all valid votes in general elections would be assured of a majority of seats in the

# Eyadema Israel the man silent

nverwhelmlogly elected to rule Togo for another seven years in Sunday's single-candidate

He received 99.95 per cent of votes cast in an almost 99 per cent turn-out. behind a no comment".

Lomé (Reuter) - Presi- Rome - Signor Bettino dent Gnassinghe Eyadema Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, has asked the Israeli authorities about allegations made by Mr Mordechai Vanuan that he had been kidnapped in Rome (Peter Nichols writes). He said that the Israelis were "entrenched

# Petition for Czechs

A petition addressed to the Czechoslovak President, Dr Gustav Husak, which calls for the release of the imprisoned

Custav Musak, which calls for the release of the imprisoned Chuncil of the Jazz Section of the Czech Musicians' Union, is today being handed to the Czechoslovak Embassy in London (Our Foreign Staff writes).

The petition, signed by leading members of the musical profession, distinguished composers, and jazz and pop musicians, demands the release from prison of eight Jazz Section members, who were arrested in Sentember after they Section members, who were arrested in September after they became increasingly popular with young Czechs.

Among the signatories are Sir Michael Tippett, Boh Geldof, Paul McCartney, Peter Maxwell Davies, Simon Rattle, Sir Charles Groves, Elton John, Andrew Lloyd

# Swazi raids defended

# South Africa refuses to allow visit by US congressmen

South African flight. Mr Botha said that although

the congressional "fact-find-

ing" missinns were barred any

congressman among them who had not voted for sanc-

Of the attacks into Swazi-

land and the subsequent re-

lease of the two abducted Swiss Nationals, he said that it was simply a matter of prac-tical politics to let them go.

There have been sugges

tions that the Foreign Affairs

Ministry was unaware of the military action but Mr Botha

made it clear this was not the

case and that he had known

about and endorsed the action

and would do it again."

accept full responsibility to-

gether with my colleagues for it," he said.

South Africals con-aggres

sion pact with Swaziland was not applicable in this instance,

he said, adding that in the past

the Swazis were criticized for

favour by not working with them," said Mr Botha, "And

they can now say they got a few people back because of

their good relations with us.

D Campaign support wavers: Black township resideots are

wavening over calls to switch

off their lights today in protest

against emergency laws after

the killing of at least five

So we really did them a

working with Pretoria.

It's that simple."

tions was welcome to visit.

South Africa's relationships let them fly by American with the West appear to have deteriorated further.

It has refused to allow two landing rights to our local It has refused to allow two landing rights to our local US congressional groups to visit the coulotry early oext month and Mr R F "Pik"

Botha, the Foreign Minister, has given a stinging defeoce of recent raids into Swaziland to graot over-flying and landing rights to our local lan Botha's Ministry of Foreign Affairs aonounced it would graot over-flying and landing rights early oext year to a US

capture African National Conmilitary plane due to make a flight entailing "diplomatie gress suspects.

Mr Botha said planned
"fact-finding" missions by 33 activities" - providing the US gave permission for a similar US congressmen, planned to take place between January 8

and 12, would be barred. One of the missions was to be led by Mr Howard Wolpe, the chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Rela-tions Sub-Committee, an important architect of sanction measures passed by Congress but resisted by President

Mr Botha said of Mr Wolpe: "I cannot think of a greater enemy of South Africa, even in the Kremlin."

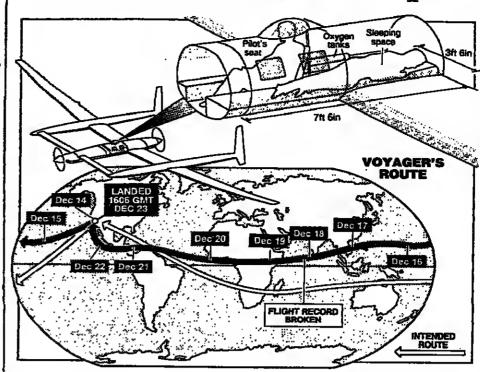
And of the raids into Swaziland io which four people were abducted - two of them, Swiss Nationals, were last week freed and flown back — and a teenage boy was killed, he said: "I am not tonight in a mood to defend it or not to defend it. They planned devilish plans . . . and it did not

"We would have taken them even it had been in London, understand it very well." Mr Botha said after his return from talks in Swaziland with Mr Sotja Dlamini, the Prime Minister

He made it clear that one of the main objections to the congressional missions was that the US Government had asked for landing rights for an American military aircraft part of the American sanc-tions package bars South African Airways flights to and om New York.

Mr Botha said: "How can I dubbed "the Russians".

# Round the world in a phone kiosk



Washington — Life in the telephone kiosk-sized cockpit of Voyager for the pilots, Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, was oot only spartan but also full nf bruises, anxiety, lack of sleep and fatigue (Mohsin Ali

Even breathing became a

chore, and they often were forced to use oxygen.

For exercise the two pilots used an elastic rubber device on their joints. For hygiene, they used alcohol-based skin and hair cleansers.

They took only one change of clothing but several changes of underwear.

Meals were practically Meals were practically tasteless. They were precooked in sealed packages and heated on a rear-engine radiator. An immersion heater was used for liquids, and the daily mena was high carbohydrate dishes like chicken, soup and high protein snacks.

Voyager took 11 gallons of water weighing 88 lb, stored in individual plastic bags holding about one cup each.

Violent protests on Pakistan's North-West Frontier

# Rioting in Karachi brings backlash from Pathans

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

There has been a violent reactioo in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province and adjoining Pathan areas to last week's riots in Karachi between Pathans and im-

migrants from India. Begum Wali Khan, wife of the leader of the Pakistan National Party, has claimed that the Karachi riots were engineered to force the estimated one millioo Pathans living in the city to return to their province.

The Pakistao National Party is reported to have or-ganized violent demonstrations in Bajaur Agency and Dir for three days running.

Demonstrators in Bajaur Ageocy were reported to have uprooted electricity and telephone poles and blocked a main highway for about seven hours last Sunday. They de-manded death for the killers of Pathans in Karachi.

In Lahore, for the first time in Pakistan's chequered par-liamentary history, a police officer was imprisoned by the meo of distinction from dif-Puojab Assembly for slapping a member of the assembly during a routine road traffie

The assembly took up the issue of breach of privilege and adopted a resolution that



the police inspector involved should be sent to jail for the period the assembly remained

the conference called by Gen-

ferent walks of life tomorrow. It is to identify the nation's most pressing problem and recommend ways of dealing with it.

Although General Zia restored civilian partiameotary rule after nine years of martial law, he has frequently expressed his disapproval of it, describing it as alien and unsuited to the Islamic genius of the Pakistani nation. There are also reports of

differences of opinion between the mullahs who reportedly enjoy the support of General Zia and the civilian Government on the reforms occded to transform the country's politics, judiciary and society to an Islamie

A Bill seeking to bring this in session.

Meanwhile, considerable House of Parliament. It has interest has been focused on already been adopted in the Upper House amid protests by eral Zia ul-Haq, Pakistan's fundamentalist elergy and President and Army chief, of politicians.

whether direct talks may be

more successful than those

through India, the "honest

broker", since concessions are

always made by the Sri Lanka

Government and oot by the

the Prime Minister of India, is

Government are good, but the

Indian ministers who visited

Colombo last week are asking

for more concessions, while

the Tamil terrorists have oot

budged from their demands,"

the source said.

Even Mr Rajiv Gandhi,

# Islamabad optimism on Russia

From Our Correspondent Islamabad

Two newspaper editors, known to enjoy the confidence of officials in Pakistan's For-eign Office. have predicted better relations between Pakistan and the Soviet Union and a settlement to the Afghanistan occupation.

Io a bylined front-page arti-

cle io Lahore's The Nation on Monday, its editor reported that, as a result of the conciliatory attitude towards Paki-stan of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, and successful talks in Mos-

Dr Najib, leader of Afghanistan's Communist Party, was yesterday elevated to be come the country's President, Kabul radio reported. He re-places Mr Babrak Karmal, who resigned on November 20 for "health reasons".

cow earlier this month by Mr Abdul Sattar, Pakistan's Foreign Secretary, the policy-makers in Islamabad believe Moscow is serious in seeking good-neighbourly relations with Pakistan.

On the same day, the editor of The Muslim, the Islamabad English-language daily, said in a bylined front-page report: "Mr Sattar's mission to Moscow may well have paved the way for a rapproachment between the two estranged neighbours. There is little doubt that both Moscow and Islamabad are doing some hard thinking on their attitudes, interests and objectives in changing regional political context".

It is noteworthy that the editors' articles appeared at a time when Mr Stepheo Solarz, chairman of the US Congress Committee on Asia and Pacific Foreign Affairs, was on a visit to here following a request by Pakistan to Washington for a second six-year military and economic aid package of \$4 billioo to start from July next year.

# Christmas chaos in France as railway strike goes on

A hardening of attitudes has bonuses, offered for 1987. Christmas for once, railway paralysed many parts of France.

After a decision by the three year. main railway workers' unions by the management of the mas holidaymakers were stranded all over France callware for the limit set by its

Metro, during the second day of an announced three-day strike, worsened with 35 per cent of underground trains running, in comparisoo with The railways management had brought forward salary negotiations scheduled for January to Mooday night in an effort to calm the situation. However, the main union

leaders refused to accept the

1.7 per cent pay rise, plus

marked the breakdown of Negotiations broke down at workers have managed to negotiations on the five-day 2 am yesterday when manage sabotage their interests by

ment stated that other complaints on working conditions would be discussed early next The Government, which not to accept proposals made has officially oot intervened in

the negotiations, is not willing similar offers made recently to The situation oo the Paris other public sector workers. As a show of force gets

under way, the Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, is ohviously hopiog that public hostility to this Christmasocarly 50 per cent on Monday, time strike will cause the strikers to back down. While passengers have shown a remarkable degree of, tolerance, people whose commercial interests are being hit are beginning to protest.

blocking the arrival tourists. Lack of Metro and subur-

ban trains in Paris means that Christmas shopping has suffered. The large Printemps department store says its trade has dropped 30 to 40 per cent since Monday. Striking railway workers are seeing their position being

undermined by local authorities, which are rapidly setting np alternative transport by President Mitterrand ohvi-

ously does out feel that the situation warrants his presence over Christmas. Following a meeting yesterday morning with M Chirac and the Defence Minister, M Andre Giraud, on the question of Chad, he took off for a few

# Tamil guerrillas agree to one-day ceasefire From Vijitha Yapa, Colombo

Sri Lanka's security forces and Tamil guerrillas fighting for a separate state have agreed to a ceasefire on Christmes Day. sources said that the Sri Lanka mas Day.

The response from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam (LTTE), the main guerrilla group, was positive to a call by Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, Sri anka's Minister of National Security, for a ceasefire

The Right Rev Swithin Fernando, the Bishop of Coon record as saying that the proposals of the Sri Lanka lombo, had earlier called for a ceasefire during the festive

The truce on Christmas Day came amid speculation that the Sri Lanka Government was considering oegotiating directly with the LTTE, which has now emerged as the most dominant of the guerrilla Last week there was a swap

of two soldiers held by the LTTE for two guerrillas held by the Army, the first such

#### Ski resorts are complaining days in Egypt as the guest of hat, when they have snow at President Mubarak. that, when they have snow at

# Congress anxious to close judicial file on 'dirty war'

From Eduardo Cué, Buenos Aires

The Argentine Congress the long process of national was set to give final approval reconciliation after a decade of yesterday to a controversial laws that would end judicial proceedings against military war" against terrorism.

assured of approval in the Chamber of Deputies, where the governing Radical Party enjoys a majority. The Bill was approved by the Senate on Monday night by a 25-10 vote after more than eight hours of

ago, set a 60-day time limit in which to bring new indictments against military officers before the courts. At the end of that period no new charges of human rights violations could be filed against any former or present military officer.

their yearly holiday during January, the time available for prosecutors to get any new indictment will be about half of that stated in the law. As a result, no big new cases are expected to come to trial once the legislation takes effect.

hard to have the measure approved, saying repeatedly in recent days that his Government was ready to pay any political price for what he considers an essential step in

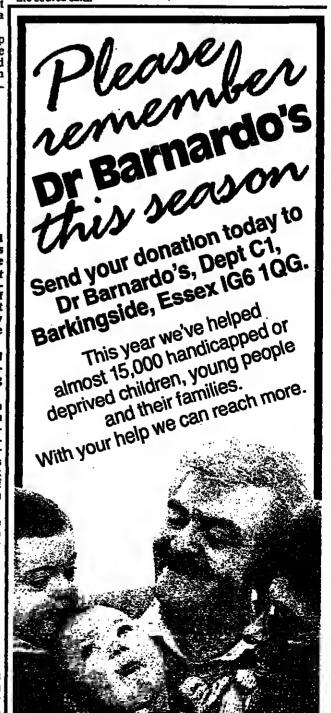
The Bill is strongly opposed by human rights organizations who last Friday gathered more armed subversion by urban gnerrillas and state-sponsored The Government's original proposal has been amended to include civilians who partici-

along with their parents and are now among the more than 9,000 people who disappeared during the military fight against terrorism. sharp contrast to the one in

Uraguay, where early on Monday morning, Congress ap-proved an annesty Bill for military and police officers as thousands of Uruguayans took load protest.

> mer high-ranking military officers, incleding two former Presidents, to jail terms ranging from four years to life imprisonment for human rights violations committed during the 1976-83 dictator-

> > The Bill before Congress will have no effect on judicial proceedings already under way, with at least two important human rights triels



# Right-wing judiciary challenged From Christopher Thomas Washington President Reagan's six-year drive to give the American

judiciary a distinct conservative ideology is about to be brought to an abrupt halt by the Democratic Party.
Uoder oew plans the Demo crats, who next month take control of the Senate, will

cooduct long and exhanstive

investigations into the President's cominations for the bench, thereby making the confirmation hearings as difficult as possible for Mr Reagan. Strictly speaking, a judges' political credeotials should not influence a nomination. But under Mr Reagan they have become highly relevant for example, the Presideot would seldom nominate a judge who openly advocated

The Democrats are anxious to avoid being accused of blocking commations mainly on partisan grounds, although that is what they intend to do. The heart of their new vetting procedure will be the formation of an all-Democrat unit to hold hearings on all judicial nominations before they go to the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is about to get a Democrat majority of

the right to abortioo.

In the past six years the committee has been little more than a rubber stamp for Mr Reagan, and his hundreds of judicial appointments have had a long-term impact on the ideology of the federal courts.

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Just the thing for the French armchair politician . . . these "cohabitation slippers", carrying portraits of the socialist President Mitterrand, left, and M Jacques Chirac, the conservative Prime Minister, are £15 the pair in Paris.

# Israeli Cabinet backs off austerity scheme

From Ian Murray, Jernsalem

After two Cabinet sessions Shamir, the Prime Minister. of cearly ten hours each. Mr and Mr Shimon Peres, the Moshe Nissim, the Israeli Finance Minister, has failed to Mr Nissim, the only other win approval for a second austerity programme which he claims is vital to maintain the

claims is vital to maintain the country's economic recovery. Instead of passing his budget, which calls for across-the-board government spending cuts totalling 500 million, shekels (£250 million), the Cabinet approved forming has been seeking. two groups of ministers, one to deal with the budget, the changes with unions and

employers.

Foreign Minister. Apart from the Economics Minister. The tax committee comprises Mr Peres and Mr Nissim alone. Both groups are due to report back over the next ten days, but all the signs are that

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister who bas been a other to try to negotiate tax main opponent of the plan. swung considerable support behind him during the second The special Budget Com- session, which ended early mittee includes Mr Yitzhak yesterday morning.

Mr Nissim will be allowed only half of the budget cuts he

# Bill will pardon Argentine officers

terrorism to combat it. officers accused of human rights violations during the former dictatorship's "dirty The measure was virtually

The proposal, introduced by President Alfonsin two weeks

As Argentine courts take

Senor Alfonsin has fought

pated in subversive acts against the Government in the It excludes cases involving children who were kidnapped

"The suspicions towards the members of the armed forces should stop, it is the only manner of integrating the men in arms into the society," said Senator Antonio Berhongaray, resuming one of the Govern-ment's main arguments. He added that, in all of the

previous human rights trials during this century, including Nuremberg, only a few top officers had been tried. "We all want reconciliation. but those members of the military who did not honour the institution must be punished," said Senator Luis Rubeo, speaking for the Peronists, Argentina's main

opposition party.
Other Peronist senators charge that the measure was an amnesty in disguise and called it unconstitutional because it gave the military privileged treatment

than 50,000 people in a protest march. Despite the large turn-out, however, the majority of Argentines appear ambivalent about an issue that has now been in the public eye for three

Only 200 people protested in front of the Congress build-ing on Monday night during the Senate debate. The situation here is in

to the streets of the capital of Montevideo and other cities in Uniike Uruguay, where the amnesty Bill was passed to avoid a threatened military rebellion, Argentine civilian courts have convicted 10 for-

scheduled for next year.

# New Zealand troops to pull out of Singapore base within three years

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealand is to withdraw within three years its infantry battalion which has been based in Singapore for more than 30 years, Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister,

This will leave the Australian Air Force presence in Butterworth, Malaysia, as the only outside presence io the region, although Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore are still linked in the Five-Power Defence

Arrangement. Mr Lange, defending his Government's decision, said that it would not weaken in any way Australia's case to maintain its presence, as Australia was a good deal

closer to the region.

But his Government, in reassessing its defence commitments, had decided that the main thrust of future defence policies should be directed towards the security of the immediate area - New Zealand and the South Pacific. Mr Lange said that he had carefully considered the signals which would be sent hy

the decision to withdraw the battalion, which has been in Singapore since the Malaysian emergency in 1955.

He rejected suggestions that the move, coming on top of his Government's ban on visits by nuclear armed and powered warships, would be seen as a further withdrawal from the Western alliance. The move had been fully

discussed with, and was understood by, allies, including the British. Having withdrawn from Singapore some years ago, Britain was scarcely in a position to bring any injunction for New Zealand to remain, he said.

While withdrawal of the Singapore battalion has been New Zealand Labour Party policy for many years, Mr Lange had argued since com-ing to power in 1984 that the move had to be taken when the time was right and when it did oot seed the wrong signals. It was being taken now because the Government was reassessing defence

requirements.
"We shall maintain hilateral

defence relationships with Singapore and Malaysia," he said. "New Zealand will remain an active member of the Five-Power Defence Arrangement, and we shall be discussing with our future partners our future contribution . . .

Mr Lange said that the withdrawal was "acceptable" to Singapore and had been discussed with Mr Bill Hayden, the Australian Foreign Minister, when he visited Wellington a fortnight ago.

While a withdrawal a few years ago would have been a critical move for the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean), the breathing space meant there was less urgency for the permanent stationing of the battalion, Mr Lange said. A small military liaison post will remain.

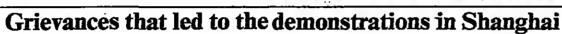
● SINGAPORE: Singapore is "comfortable" with New Zea-land's decision and "happy with New Zealand's assurance of continued support and participation in the Five-Power Defeoce Arraogement" (Reuter reports).

Workmen putting the finishing touches to southern Delhi's new Baha'i temple for rival to the Taj Mahai, the 17th-century today's official dedication, which is white marble monument built by a grief-

expected to attract 10,000 of the faithful striken Moghul emperor to commemorate from all over the world. The temple, built his dead wife. Its design, however — that io Korean concrete and then covered in of a perfect lotus blessom floating oo its white Greek marble cut and polished in own leaves - is reminiscent of Australia's faith". It took 10 years to build.

Baha'i temple hailed as rival to Taj Mahal

Sydney Opera House. The 27-petal structure, the brainchild of architect Fariburz Sahba, a 38-year-old Canadian Bahai, is intended to symbolize the openess of all religions and to embody "the purity and oneness of the Baha"



# fury 'likely to die out

Hoog Kong - Mr Xu Jiatuo, China's senior political representative in Hong Kong, said yesterday that he expected the recent studeot uorest in Shanghai and other cities of the Chinese maioland to die down (David Bonavia

Mr Xu said that the demonstrations by Chinese students were "spurred on by their concern for democracy and freedom", but he gave a warning that the students' demands were at variance with those of the nation and Communist Party.

He said that the studeots did not understand the overall situation in China, but that the demonstrations were legal uoder the Chinese constitution. He expected the move-

# University Students question Communist Party's mandate Shanghai (AFP) — Four packed with nearly a third of days of demonstrations here grew from a mixture of com-

plaiots, eventually aired at a rare confrontation in which students booed the mayor and openly questioned the Communist Party's mandate.

On the eve of the first protest march, the mayor, Mr Jiang Zimin, was repeatedly booed by an assembly of about 3.000 Communications University students, who took the floor to voice grievances ranging from lack of press freedom to unequal application of the death penalty, according to students at the meeting.

The mayor arrived at Communications University as students were preparing to take to the streets to protest against the repeated removal from campus walls of posters reporting a spate of student demonstrations in other cities.

Accompanied by university and party officials, he took the podium in an auditorium

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them to cancel their march. But he would oot discuss

the issues that the students cared about and they began to hiss and boo until he was unable to continue, a witness

The university Communist Party chief calmed the stu-dents and Mr Jiang began again, but the students were still dissatisfied and the booing resumed.
"Who dares to boo once

more?" the mayor was quoted as having said. Several students did, and Mr Jiang pointed to one. "You won't listen to me." he said angrily. "How about you standing up and speaking instead'

The student was reluctant but others encouraged him and he fioally took the microtwo questions: Was there freeHad the mayor been elected. hy the people of Shanghai?

Mr Jiang who, like mayors of other big Chinese cities was appointed by Peking, demanded to know the student's name and department, but

Students took to the streets of Shanghai in isolated protests yesterday, defying government warnings that demonstrations must have prior approval (Reuter reports from Shang-bai). More than 500 students marched through the streets and 50 gathered in the central Peoples's Square.

was shouted down by students expecting that he would seek to puoish their classmate.

Officials came to Mr Jiang's aid, saying that since he was very busy he would not engage in debates with individual phone. He asked the mayor students, but would accept several questions and answer

dom of the press in China? them all at the end of the Many students and a few

young teachers olamoured for the microphone and eventually 20 to 30 spoke. One daring questioner, who received warm applause, asked Mr Jiang whether

constitutional changes in 1980 eliminating the right to put up posters and engage in grand debates had been approved by the Chioese people. He also asked whether the

Chinese people had endorsed the four principles of Marxism, Leninism, Socialism and the leadership of the Communist Party that are the basis of the party's mandate to rule

Another speaker criticized students who determined to uneven implementation of the

When the 31/2-hour meeting ended, students politely applauded Mr Jiang as he left. Posters put up by students after the meeting were re-

moved oo Thursday night and the next day new posters appeared bearing the slogan:
The voice of the people cannot be ripped down.

When officials removed these posters, too, the students decided to march to the municipal congress building in People's Square and de-

mand to see the mayor again.
Student activists said 6.000 to 7.000 students from Communications University had taken part in the march, Officials declined to com-

ment on the size of the march Vast crowds that gathered to watch tied up the city's traffic for the rest of the day but eventually went home. leaving a core of about 2,000 spend Friday night.

It was this group that student participants and in-dependent witnesses say was removed forcibly early on Saturday by several thousand policemen.

# Kasparov clinches first place

Brussels - Gary Kasparov he world chess champion. has easily clinched first place in the Brussels Super Tournament before the last round has been played (Raymond

eene writes). After completion of nine of the 10 rounds, the scores are: Kasparov (Soviet Unioo) 7; Nunn (England), Korchnoi (Switzerland) and Huebner West Germany) 41/2; Short (England) 4; Portisch (Hungary) 214.

Victor Korchool, twice world championship chal-lenger, said: "Kasparov's play has revolutionized the whole chess world." Nigel Short, Britain's top

ranked grandmaster, commented: "Kasparov has played like a genius." By common consent, the most brilliant game was Kasparov's win over Short in round nine. Short will oow contest a six game match in London.

Tussle in Spain to don mantle of Fraga

From Richard Wigg

The race has begun to occupy the centre-right of Spain's political spectrum after the departure of Senor Manuel Fraga. It is increasingly being seen as the only formula 10 beat the Socialists

of Senor Felipe Gonzalcz.

Three or four priocipal figures of the old Centre Democratic Union (UCD), which brought Spain democracy in 1977 and held power till the Socialists' victory four years ago, are already jockey-

ing for a decisive role. Spain's small Christian Democrat party has just ended a national congress here at which they offered themselves as the "natural" centre around which other groups could form a future coalition.

"We are going to be a key party in the future." Señor Oscar Alzaga said. His strategy aims at drawing the "lent votes" which went to Senor Fraga's right-wing Popular Alliance or the Socialists after the collapse of the UCD.

Señor Alzaga will also be seeking to convince Spaniards that Senor Fraga's departure means a serious risk that the Popular Alliance could lurch

alarmingly farther to the right. Señor Miguel Herrero, another former Centre Democrat, who has now taken over as executive deputy chairman of the Popular Alliance, denies this risk, but he will be far from firmly in the saddle until after a special party congress early in February.
The Christian Democrats

deny they are looking to the Catholic bishops to help them coosolidate an electoral basis at the autonomous regional and municipal elections next June. But party policies oo hig families and the abortion law echo the Church's stand.

As a first test of his formula, Señor Alzaga has got Señor Rodolfo Martin Villa, a former powerful Ioterior Minister of the Centre Democrats, to contest the chief minister-ship in Castile-León.

The fourth figure is Senor Adolfo Suarez, the former Centre Democrat Prime Min-ister, who has admitted he would like to become leader of the oppositioo agaiost Señor Gonzalez Many argue that he alone of the cootenders has the personal stature and votepull to take Senor Fraga's

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# Joy of freedom marred by fate of Marchenko

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

controversial issues.

The following are excerpts from a remarkable con-versatioo he held in Russian with a large crowd of jostling Western newsmen, who conducted a running interview with the freed dissident for some 30 minutes as he patiently forced his way through the crowd to a waiting car.

On Afghanistan: "I consider this to be the most painful point of our foreign policy, and I hope that more decisive measures will be taken in this area than are being taken at present. I would like to see decisive measures takeo that would put an end to this tragedy.

On being back in Moscow: accustomed to noise and people. Of course, this kind of throng of people is unusual. It creates a sort of feeling of of elementary particles. I hope stress. But I understand that my liberation is very imwill cootinue making efforts On his exile since January,

Within minutes of arriving for the liberation of all pris-back in Moscow yesterday for the first time in nearly seven years, Dr Andrei Sakharov feelings of excitement and demonstrated io convincing feelings that everything in the fashion that his long spell in world is still very tragic. The exile had door oothing to fate of my friends is tragic, my dampen his enthusiasm to friends who are in labour

speak out on a number of camps or in jails. I cannot for a moment free myself from horror at the martyr-like death of my frieod, Anatoly Marchenko (who died recently in a camp), io the struggle against "I hope that my liberation

will facilitate this question, the question of prisocers of conscience, being solved, and that there will be some movement and that other important questions that face our country and the world will also be

On the Kremlin policy of glasnost (openness): "Glasnost is a great force."

On the things he views as important: "It is the choice of the country where you want to live and the right to travel, which are both laid down in "I am very bappy that I am in the universal declaration of human rights." On his work as a nuclear

physicist: "I am working on For the last seven mooths, space problems and problems very much, now that I am back, to return to problems of controlled nuclear reaction."



a child and they pulled her out of the car and scared her half the roadside. And when I let her come into my car, they dragged her out using force. And I could do nothing to help

my wife and I have not had the chance to speak to another living soul - well, one or two people came and we were allowed to speak to them oo

aspect was the isolatioo . . . I for us that we were even once picked up a woman with allowed to speak on the street with my friend, with a university colleague from student to death. And the same thing days. In general, we were happened with an old woman, a sick old woman standing by

On the dramatic end to his banishment "On the 15th, they put in a telephone unexpectedly at oight. We were even a bit frightened. On the 16th at 3 pm, Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachov telephoned and said that a decision had been takeo to free me, that I could return to Moscow and Bonner could return to Mos- -coovictions.

1980: "The most difficult the street. And it was a miracle cow too. Bonnaire,' he said in fact, incorrectly procouncing my wife's name. And I told him that I was very grateful for this announcement."

On the unprecedented call from Mr Gorbachov: "My feelings were very confused because this coincided with a tremendous tragedy, the death of Anatoly Marchenko, a wooderful person, a hero in the struggle for human rights. And I reminded him of my letter of February 19, calling for the liberation of prisoners of conscience - people who have been locked up for their

"And oow, even after the death of Marchenko, my thoughts on this subject are even more tense and tragic, because I ask myself 'Who's next? Who will die next?"

On the oew policy being pursued hy Mr Gorbachov: As to political questions, I have oot sorted myself out yet. But I am very interested io everything that is happening in the country and I want to form my own opinion." On his freedom: "Of course,

am very excited, very

"This became possible thanks to such tremendous

international defence. All these last seven years, my scientific colleagues defended me; statesmen and public figures defended me; simply. friends defended me; my childreo defended me; and finally, my wife defended me. This very defence made possible our liberation.

"... I am very grateful to you all.

On his health: "I am okay. My wife (who is 62 and recently underwent a double heart by-pass operation) is in poor condition."

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Japan's scandal magazines

# TV celebrity teaches paparazzi a lesson From David Watts, Tokyo

Tokyo's sensation-seeking get a story from his girlfriend, weekly photo-magazines went too far for the country's most famous comedian.

After weeks of being dogged by snooping paparazzi from Friday magazine, "Beat" Takeshi, who is married with children, and his young college girlfriend had had enough.

He mustered his gang of followers, who feature on

some of Japan's most popular television programmes, and took the law into his own

After he and his friends had finished, several members of the Friday staff were oo their way to hospital with cuts and bruises. Mr Takeshi and com-

The comedian, who proved a superb serious actor opposite David Bowie io Merry
Christmas, Mr Lawrence, said

When he did oot get a satisfactory answer, he decided that he and his "army", who appear weekly oo a popular children's television show, would produce their own solution. The furore has reopened the

debate about magazines which are fearless about investigating the private lives of defenceless individuals but have precious little to say when it comes to tackling issues of real import which may impinge oo people in high places. Eight serious complaints

have been filed against five pany were off to the police magazines io the last three years, but the most serious penalties have been either a warning from the Ministry of

of his action: "I can't justify it if people call it excessive, but if you ask me the questioo "Was there another way of protecting my privacy?", I couldn't answer you," he said. The affair started when Mr Takeshi telephooed the maga
Takeshi telephooed the maga
damages.

Mr Takeshi said yesterday that many people felt that he was not justified in using violence, but that, giveo the situatioo, it was the only way he could make an impact on magazines which trample on individual privacy and when mas cards to city residents to the said.

# Youths held for murder New York (AP) - Three

from the walled city.

Palestine

youths given life

sentences

Jerusalem - Three Palestinian youths, who confessed to stabbing a Jewish bible student to death io the Old City

last month, were all given life sentences by the Jerusalem district court yesterday (lan

All admitted the murder, but told the court they had no

regrets for what they had done. All are from the town of

The stabbiog started a series of anti-Arab riots by Jews in

the old city. Rahbi Meir

Kahane, leader of the extreme

Kach movement, has called

for the explusion of all Arabs

Murray writes).

white youths have been charged with second-degree murder, accused along with several others of beating three black men with sticks, baseball bats and tree limbs, and chasing one man across a highway to his death.
Police said six teenagers

ranging in age from 16 to 18, and a 14-year-old girl, all white, were being questioned, hut had not been charged in what the mayor, Mr Edward Koch, called "a racial lynching".

# Egypt's guest

Paris (AP) - President Mitterrand will be the guest of President Mubarak of Egypt during the Christmas holi-

#### Air collision Seoul (AP) - Three Ameri-

can soldiers were killed and three others were injured when two US Army helicopters collided. Book banned

# Belgrade (Reuter) - A court

in Belgrade has hanned permanently The High Treason Trial by the Yugoslav dissident sociologist. Mr Vojislav Seselj, a collection of documents on his trial for hostile propaganda in 1984 that resulted in a 22-mooth

#### **Long lift** Torrevieja (Reuter) - Gus-

tavo Vito, aged 69, and his 66year-old Swiss wife Elena. spent 48 hours stranded in a lift in their deserted holiday apartment block in this Mediterranean resort.

# Blast charge

Osaka (Reuter) - A Japanese man has been charged with attempted murder and endaogering ao aircraft in conoection with a hand-grenade blast on board a Thai airliner two mooths ago.

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# Edmond, Oklahoma (AP) -

The Edmond Post Office, where 14 employees were killed by a co-worker earlier this year, sent 28,500 Christnts to

# **Beirut concession to France**

# Kidnappers pledge to release hostage

nese underground group yes-terday pledged to release a followed mediation by Iran, French hostage as a gesture of Syria and Algeria. It called on good will for Christmas.

hostages, as a new gesture," dent) Saddam (Hussein)." the Revolutionary Justice Meanwhile, Madame Joelle Organization said in a state-Kauffmano, the wife of M ment delivered to two Beirut Jean-Paul Kauffmann, annewspapers and an inter- other French hostage, was national news agency.

Nineteen foreigners are late yesterday, missing, believed kidnapped. PARIS: The Ministry of

bandwritten in Arabic. was writes). accompanied by colour photo- The ministry spokesman French Antenne-2 television made in the past news crew — a soundman, M "The Government is in con-Aurel Cornea, aged 54, and a stant contact with all those lighting technician, M Jean-Louis Normandin, aged 34— who were snatched in a west STOCKHOLM: A Swedish

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in Lebanon. They include Foreign Affairs yesterday reseven French nationals, seven fused to comment on the Americans, two Britons, an Revolutionary Justice Organ-Italian, an Irishman and a ization's proposed gesture to South Korean. free one of two French hos-Yesterday's statement, tages (Susan MacDonald

Beirut suburb on March 8 soldier serving with the UN after attending a pro-Iranian peacekeeping forces in south-Hezbollah (Party of God) ern Lebanon was hit hy shrapnel when a convoy carrying The photographs of the men supplies was trapped between showed them bearded and fighting factions near the vil-looking haggard. lage of Tihnin.

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# Diplomats fail to lift holiday gloom for captive Britons By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

anon are also the subject of

mas in foreign prisons thou-sands of miles apart were the focus of concern at the Foreign Office yesterday.
The British High Commis-

sion in Zamhia sent a diplomat to see a young man whose only crime is believed to be that he hitched a lift with a New Zealander who fell under Zambian suspicion.
Mr Christopher Bennett, a
27-year-old Londooer, has

been held in Lusaka without being charged since he and an Australian friend accepted the Britain has demanded that

no reason to disbelieve his story that his arrest was Meanwhile, in Tehran dip-

section of the Swedish Em-

consular access been denied to grant access to another Briton a prisoner for so tong. Mr Cooper, nephew of the late poet Robert Graves, has been held incommunicado for more Nicola, of Greek Cypriot orihan a year.

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Their "reply" a week ago was to charge Mr Cooper with

Hopes that the detaioed New Zealand journalist, Mr John Edlin, would be released be-fore Christmas began to fade yesterday as Zamhia came to a bureaucratic standstill for the funeral of President Kannda's son (A Correspondent writes from Harare). Mr Edlin, a correspondent for the Associated Press, was detained in he be either charged or re-leased. British diplomats have to the Copperbelt, where there has been unrest.

spying, and then to announce

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# The Dream of Duncan Parrenness

ike Mr Bunyan of old, I.
Duncan Parrenness,
Writer in the Most
Hunourable the East India Company, in this God-forgotten city of Calcutta, have dreamed a dream, and never since that Kitty my mare fell lame have I been so troubled. Therefire, lest I should forget my dream, I have made shift to set it down here. Though Heaven have meaning the many the many is to knows how unhandy the pen is to me who was always readier with sword than ink-horn when I left London two long years since. When the Governor-General's

great dance (that he gives yearly at the latter end of November) was finish, I had gone to mine own room which looks over that sullen, un-English stream, the Hoogly, scarce so sober as I might have been. Nnw, roaring drunk in the West is but fuddled in the East, and I was drunk Nor-Nnr Easterly as Mr Shakespeare might have said. Yet, in spite of my liquor, the cool night winds (thrugh I have heard that they breed chills and fluxes innumerable) sobered me somewhat; and I remembered that I had been but a little wrung and wasted by all the sicknesses of the past four months, whereas those young bloods that came eastward with me in the same ship had been all, a month back, planted in Eternity in the faul soil north of Writers' Buildings. So then, I thanked God mistily (though, to my shame, I never kneeled down to do so) for licence in live, at least till March should be upon us again. Indeed, we that were alive (and our number was less by far than those who had gone to their last account in the hot weather late past) had made very merry that evening, by the ramparts of the Fort, over this kindness of Providence; though our jests were neither witty nor such as I should have liked my mother to hear.

When I had lain down (or rather thrown me on my bed) and the fumes of my drink had a little cleared away, I found that I could get no sleep for thinking of a thousand things that were better left alone. First, and it was a long time since I had thought of her, the sweet face of Kitty Somerset drifted, as it might have been drawn in a picture, across the foot of my bed, so plainly, that I almost thought she had been present in the body. Then I remembered how she drove me to this accursed country to get rich, that I might the more quickly marry her, our parents on both sides giving their consent; and then how she thought better (or worse maybe) of her troth, and wed Tom Sandersoo hut a short three months after I

From Kitty I fell a-musing on woman with violet eyes that had come to Calcutta from the Dutch Factory at Chinsura, and had set all our young men, and not a few of the factors, by the ears. Some of nur ladies, it is true, said that she had never a husband or marriagelines at all; but women, and specially those who have led only indifferent good lives themselves,

Besides, Mrs Vansuythen was far prettier than them all. She had prettier than them all. She had been most gracious to me at the Governor-General's rout, and indeed I was looked upon by all as her preux chevalier — which is French for a much worse word. Now, whether I cared so much as the scratch of a pin for this same Mrs Vansuythen (albeit I had yourd sterral love that had been deed to be a scratch of a pin for this same. vowed eternal love three days after we met) I knew not then nor did till later on; but mine own pride, and a skill in the small sword that no man in Calcutta could equal, kept me in ber affections. So that I believed I worshipt her. worshipt her.

When I had dismist her violet eyes from my thoughts, my reason reproacht me for ever having followed her at all; and I saw how the one year that I had lived in this the one year that I had lived in this land had so burnt and seared my mind with the flames of a thousand bad passions and desires, that I had aged ten months for each one in the Devil's school. Whereai I thought of my muther for a while, and was very penitent making in my sinful tipsy mood a thousand your of reformation. thousand vows of reformation — all since broken, I fear me, again

omorrow, says I to my-self, I will live cleanly for ever. And I smiled dizzily (the liquor being still strong in me) to think of the dangers I had escaped; and built all manner of fine castles in Spain, whereof a shadowy Kitty Somerset that had the violet eyes and the sweet slow speech of Mrs Vansuythen, was always Queen.

Lastly, a very fine and magnificent courage (that doubtless had its birth in Mr Hastings' Madeira) grew upoo me, till it seemed that I could become Governor-General, Nawab, Prince, ay, even the Great Mogul himself, by the mere wishing of it. Wherefore, taking my first steps, random and un-stable enough, towards my new kingdom, I kickt my servants sleeping without till they howled and ran from me, and called Heaven and Earth to witness that I, Duncan Parrenness, was a writer in the service of the Company and afraid of no man. Then, seeing that neither the Moon nor the Great Bear were minded to accept my challenge, I lay down again and must have fallen asleep.

I was waked presently by my last words repeated two or three times, and saw that there had come into the room a drunken man, as I thought, from Mr Hastings' rout, He sate down at the foot of my bed for all the world as it belonged to him, and I took nnte, as well as I could, that his face was somewhat like mine own grown older, save when it changed to the face of the Governor-General or my father, dead these six months. But this seemed to meonly natural, and the due result of too much wine; and I was so angered at his entry all unannounced, that I told him, not

nver civilly, to go. To all my words he made no answer whatever, only saying slowly, as though it were some sweet morsel: "Writer in the Company's service and afraid of

beginning to think that I had n

good chance of qualifying for the title myself. This possibil-

ity was scuppered when the lads exchanged the studio for n

simulated aircraft cockpit and

were told to take on a tricky

approach to Kennedy Airport.
Once I was out of the running all that was left to

enjoy was a fascination with

the way David Kemp, as

constant front-runner, handled the not inconsiderable chall-

enge of maintaining a smile that struck the right combina-

tion of modesty and con-

I suppose that one of the

reasons why Johnny Speight's creation, Alf Garnett, has

become a candidate for least amusing man on television is that Eighties bigots look more like Krypton Factor entrants than Warren Mitchell. The

special Christmas edition of In

Sickness and in Health (BBC1) was a racist comic

strip of such predictability

that not even Alison Steadman

in a cameo role, as the mother who could not understand why

Father Christmas only visited

the employed, was able to save

Alexandra

Shulman

this exhausting self-paredy.

Rudyard Kipling comes out of copyright next week, which could well be the cue for a major revival. The groundswell of pro-Kipling feeling has been growing through the enthusiasm of people like Jorge Luis Borges, Kingsley Amis and Angus Wilson. One of the editions in the New Year is a choice of his prose, including the story printed here, selected by Craig Raine. The collection (published by Faber & Faber at £12.50) shows Kipling to be a writer of historical imagination as well as a man of many voices.



no man." Then he stops short, and turning round sharp upon me says that one of my kidney need fear neither man nor devil; that I was a brave young man, and like enough, should I live so long, to be Governor-General. But for all these things (and I supposed that he meant thereby the changes and chances of our shifty life in these parts) I must pay my price. By this

time I had sobered somewhat, and being well waked out of my first sleep, was disposed to look upon the matter as a tipsy man's jest. So, says I merrily: "And what price shall I pay for this place of mine, which is but twelve feet square, and my five poor pagodas a month? The devil take you and your jesting: I have paid my price twice over in sickness."

At that moment my man turns full toward me: so that by the moonlight I could see every line and wrinkle of his face. Then my drunken mirth died out of me, as I have seen the waters of our great rivers die away in one night; and I, Duncan Parrenness, who was afraid of oo man, was taken with a more deadly terror than I hold it has ever been the Int nf mortal

man to know. For I saw that his face was my very own, but marked and lined and scarred with the furrows of disease and much evil living — as I nnce, when I was (Lord help me) very drunk indeed, have seen mine own face, all white and drawn and grown nld, in a mirror. I take it that any man would have been even more greatly feared than I; for I am in no way wanting in courage.

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After I had laid still for a little, sweating in my agony, and waiting until I should awake from this terrible dream (for dream I knew it terrible dream (for dream I knew it to be), he says again that I must pay my price; and a little after, as though it were to be given in pagodas and sicca rupees: "What price will you pay?" Says I, very sofily: "For God's sake let me be, whoever you are, and I will mend my ways from tonight." Says he my ways from tonight." Says he, laughing a little at my words, but otherwise making no motion of having heard them: "Nay, I would only rid so brave a ynung ruffler as yourself of much that will be a great hindrance to you oo your way through life in the Indies; for believe me," and here he looks full on me once more, "there is no

At all this rigmarole, which I could not then understand, I was a good deal put aback and waited for what should come next. Says be very calmly: "Give me your trust in man." At that I saw how heavy would he my price, for I oever doubted but that he could take from me all that he asked, and my head was, through terror and wakefulness, altogether cleared of the wine I had drunk. So I takes him up very short, crying that I was not so wholly bad as he would make believe, and that I trusted my fellows to the full as much as they were worthy of it. "It was none of my fault," says I, "if onehalf of them were liars and the nther half deserved to be burnt in the hand, and I would once more ask him to have done with his questions." Then I stopped, a little afraid, it is true, to have let my tongue so run away with me, but he took no notice of this, and only laid his hand lightly on my left breast and I felt very cold there for a while,

Theo he says, laughing more: "Give me your faith in women." At that I started in my bed as though I had been stung, for I thought of my sweet mother in England, and for a while fancied that my faith in God's best creatures could neither be shaken oor stolen from me.

ut later, myself's hard eyes being upoo me, I fell to thinking, for the sec-ond time that night, of Kitty (she that jilted me and married Tom Sandersoo) and nnly my devilish pride made me follow, and how she was even worse than Kitty, and I worst of them all - seeing that with my life's work to be done, I must needs go dancing down the Devil's swept and garnished causeway, because, forsooth, there was a light woman's smile at the end of it. And I thought that all women in the world were either like Kitty or

Mistress Vansuvthen (as indeed they have ever since been to me), and this put me to such an extremity of rage and sorrow, that I was beyond word glad when myself's hand fell again on my left breast, and I was on more troubled

by these fallies.

After this he was silent for a little, and I made sure that he must go or I awake ere long; but presently he speaks again (and very softly) that I was a fool to care for such fullies as those be had taken from me, and that ere he went he would only ask me for a few other trifles such as no man, or fir matter of that boy either, would keep about him in this country. And so it happened that he took from out of my very heart as it were, looking all the time into my face with my own eyes, as much as remained to me of my boy's soul and conscience.

his was to me a far more terrible loss than the two that I had suffered before. Fur though, Lord help me, I had travelled far enough from all paths of decent or godly living, yet there was in me, thrugh I myself write it, a certain goodness of heart which, when I was sober (or sick) made me very sorry of all that I had done before the fit came on me. And this I lost wholly: having in place thereof another deadly coldness at the heart. I am not, as I have before said, ready with my pen, so I fear that what I have just written may oot be readily understood. Yet there be certain times in a young man's life, when, through great sorrow or sin, all the boy in him is burnt and seared away so that he passes at one step to the more sorrowful state of manhood: as our staring Indian day changes into night with never so much as the grey of twilight to temper the two extremes. This shall perhaps make my state more clear, if it be remembered that my torment was ten times as great as comes in the natural course of nature to any man.

At that time I dared not think of the change that had come over me, and all in one night: though I have nften thought of it since. "I have paid the price," says I, my teeth chattering, for I was deadly cold, "and what is my return?" At this time it was nearly dawn, and myself had begun to grow pale and thin against the white light in the east, as my mother used to tell me is the custom of ghosts and devils and the like. He made as if he would go, but my words stnpt him and he laughed — as I remember that I laughed when I ran Angus Manifester through the strend or the strend of th Macalister through the sword-arm last August, because he said that Mrs Vansuythen was oo better than she should be. return?" - says he catching up my last words - "Why, strength to live as Inng as God or the Devil pleases, and so long as you live, my young master, my gift." With that he puts something into my hand, though it was still too dark to see what it was, and when next I

lookt up he was gone.

When the light came I made shift to behold his gift, and saw that it was a little piece of dry bread.

# Being superior

ended its hunt for the United Kingdom Superperson of 1986 last night. When Superperson materialized he was found to be David Kemp, 39, a marketing director from Whitstable in Kent who wore a nice yellow jumper and had n talent for noticing what colour balloon was tied to the oak banisters. If yon saw him walking down the street you would not notice anything special, but then that is how it was with Clark Kent before his visit to the telephone kiosk.

# **TELEVISION**

The Kryston Factor was a triumph of style over content from the opening credits, with their portentous music and platinum-plated contestants' faces, to the tense profile shots during the last round of general knowledge. Gordon Burns masterfully whipped np anticipation as we homed in on four men about to confront

This was all good stuff until the questions began and our hrave boys sharpened their wits on an opening round that required them to remember whether an aeroplane takes longer to fly from London to Beliast or from London to Baltimore. By the end of the next stage, a round of Spot the

# PREVIEW

Difference which was mainly Aaron Copland: baffling on account of the curious pastiche used of Granada's Brideshead, I was BBC2, tomorrow

> Aaron Copland: A Self Portrait was first screened in America last year, which perhaps ex-plains why this entertaining but intellectually bland documentary received so much praise. Copland was then celebrating his 85th birthday: from his native Brooklyn to his beloved Mexico the air was thick with acclaim for "America's greatest composer, alive or dead". It was not a time for an American television programme to scrutinize too closely the awkward fact that America had once hauled her greatest composer up before Senator McCarthy's "Un-American Activites" Committee, or poured public scorn oo him whenever he tried to advance from the folksy tonality of Billy the Kid.

> The McCarthy episode is brushed aside in a couple of sentences: consequently the absurdity of the incident is not exposed. (In fact, Copland was persecuted because he had written music for a 1943 film, North Star, landing Russian resistance to Hitler.) As another composer, Lukas Foss, wryly puts it, "To cast doubt on the Americanism of the composer of Lincoln Portrait was really very foolish".

The strength of this programme, however, is its access to some priceless film footage, much of it never seen before and a good deal shot by Copland himself (hence the "self portrait" of the title). From his formative Paris years under Nadia Boulanger to his triumphs in Hollywood, oo the concert platform and working with the great American choreographers of the 1940s, the camera always seems to have been present.
The most valuable clips are undoubtedly of Agnes de Mille dancing in her own production of Rodeo and of Martha Graham similarly

tion of Appalachian Spring. There are some splendid extracts from the films The Heiress and Of Mice and Men, with Copland's score matching the latter's famously brutal fight scene slug for slug. Less happily conceived is the absurdly reverential voice-over. Of the celebrities wheeled in

prominent in the first produc-

to eulogize the great man, Bernstein provides the most memorable, if characteris-tically indulgent, description. He calls Copland "a pinneer, a craftsman, a linty thinker, homespun, sweet-tempered, giggly, modest, friendly, help-ful, wise Lincolnson, ful, wise, Lincolnesque, the ideal hlend of simplicity and sophistication, dean of American music, the practical poet, the stern prophet, the cheerful spartan . . . good God, what's left to say?".

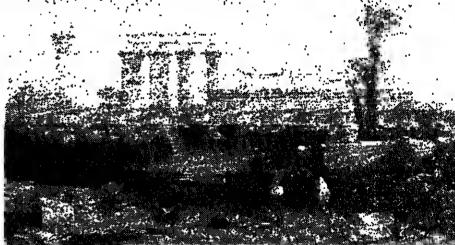
Richard Morrison

# **GALLERIES**

**David Roberts** Barbican

Surely few British artists can have had such a surprising power as David Roberts to encompass both the heroic and the intimate. Naturally the first impression one comes away with from the major retrospective at the Barbican (until January 4) is of the amazing scale and looming sublimity of Roberts's The Cathedral at Burgos or the View from under the Portico of the Temple of Edfou, which latter summons up exactly for us the age and the attitudes of Shelley's Ozymandias sonnet. But we soon come down from these dizzy heights, and rec-ognize the equal skill Roberts had in depicting the groups of people who give these grand visions their sense of scale.

Roberts seems to have got shunted early into that profitregarded siding labelled "top-ographical artist". Most of his earliest works in his native Scotland, after a period busily and very practically involved with theatre design in virtual partnership with Clarkson Stanfield, were depictions of Edinburgh and its surroundings, hoth in terms of the new buildings then going up and oo account of the (largely Scott-inspired) antiquarian m-



Passport to permanent fame: Ruins of the Temple of Hermonthes, Upper Egypt (detail) successful volumes of litho-

terest in remains of the medieval past. He also had a special feeling for architecture, working a lot with architects on the atmospheric presentation of their designs, much to the disgust of his nearest and dearest, who felt he was wasting his time colouring other men's renderings.

However, this training was no doubt useful to him when he began on his travels - to France, Belgium, Holland and Germany during the 1820s, to Spain in the early 1830s, to the Middle East at the end of that decade, and to Italy in the early 1850s. All of these trips were motivated by the gather-ing of material for book illustrations, for his very leaves of Egypt at the dawn of

graphs and even, though per-haps incidentally, for the large-scale oil paintings he did when be got back home. There is some intermittent evidence here that he always hankered after the Apocalyptic Sublime, and indeed his The Israelites Leaving Egypt of 1829 and The Destruction of Jerusalem of 1849 caused something of a stir in their time. (It is interesting now to note how impressionistic was his detail-ing on the *Israelites* picture, so that looking at it close to one finds it hard to judge exactly what is being represented in most of the cavalcade.) But finally it is the record be

eological interest, and the major churches of Western Europe before they had all been spruced np and restored within an inch of their lives, that makes him of permanent interest. For all his incidental skill with getting the people as well as the buildings right, it is his vision of the splendours of antiquity that marks him out as the finest of his school, and the only one (apart, maybe, from Edward Lear) who saves "topographical artist" from being a term of diminution, if not outright abuse.

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**STARTS SATURDAY** 

# Who did what — how, why and when?

The Times 1986 Prize Christmas Quiz is just the stuff to sharpen the brain or test the memory during the festivities and the six winners will each receive a case of champagne to celebrate in style

t was the year we rediscovered the Titanic and lost the Challenger. We survived Chemobyl and were threatened with Aids. Olof Palme was killed and Kurt Waldheim triumphantly elected.

In Africa a 67th son was e-growned king because tra-dition demanded that the rightful heir should be a lefthanded minor with no full brother. In the Philippines a political martyr's widnw swept to power after allegedly losing the election. Confusing times, indeed.

- In America a poll among political candidates revealed that nuly weeks after the event most could not correctly recall why America had bombed Libya. Was it an attempt to recover hostages held in Lebannn, revenge for a terrorist attack on Israel, to pre-empt interference in the Iraq-Iran war, or retaliation for a bombing in Berlin? If you can remember, your

chances of winning a cham-pagne prize from what follows will at least, be better than most American politicians'. The questions all refer to events in 1986. The quiz is designed to be fairly difficult, so it could be worth entering even if you are not confident all your answers are correct. The winners will be able to toast their good fortune with a classic Moet & Chandon vintage champagne. ويصفحه والمجار المتاريخ والمتعاودة والمتعاودة الماسي والمتعارية

#### POLITICAL PLOYS

Which former Prime Minister played himself on television? (a) Edward Heath? (b) James Callaghan? (c) Harold Wilson? (d) Malcolm Fraser?

2 Which former Prime Minister was discovered trouserless in Memphis? (a) Edward Heath? (b) James Callaghan? (c) Harold Wilson? (d) Malcolm Fraser?

3 Which former Prime Minister fell in the Thames? (a) Edward Heath? (b) James Callaghan? (c) Harold Wilson? \_(d) Lord Home?

4 Who fled a week after declaring that his grip was as firm as a monkey's tail?
(a) Ex-Emperor Bokassa? (b) Ex-President Marcos? (c) Baby Doc Duvalier? (d) Trevor Nunn?

5 Whn fled immediately after his reinauguration? (a) Ex-Emperor Bokassa? (b) Ex-President Marcos? (c) Baby Doc Duvalier?

6 Which President announced that he had given up smoking and added: "I don't miss it, and I feel better' (a) Ronald-Reagan? (b) Fidel Castro?

(c) François Mitterrand? (d) Li Xiannian? Which President promised to concentrate ou his golf after 1990? (a) Fernando Campomanes?
(b) Zia Ul-Haq?
(c) P.W. Botha?
(d) Augusto Pinochet?

8 Which President apologized for ma

(a) Weizsacker of West Germany? (b) Alfonsin of Argentina? (c) Egli of Switzerland? (d) Gromyko of the Soviet

#### WHO SPOKE?

9 Who said: "I want to say goodbye, farewell to fallacy, this international falsehood"?
(a) Michael Jopling about
the Common Agricultural

(b) Robert Maxwell about the Commonwealth Games? (c) Timothy Raison about the Overseas Development Administration? (d) Colonel Gaddafi about the non-aligned movement?

10 Who said: "I do remember that room service was rather slow that night. I had to wait three and a half hours before (a) Ian Botham, about

allegations of misbehaviour on mur in New Zealand? (b) Frank Bruno after fighting Tim Witherspoon? (c) Norman Tehbit in Brighton? (d) Prince Andrew speaking on television about life in the Navy?

1 1 Who wrote: "There is no place for me with honour in such a Cahinet"? (2) Michael Heseltine? (b) Leon Brittan? Cecil Parkinson?

(d) Juan Ponce Enrile? 12 Sir Robert
Armstrong said: "It was being economical with the truth". Was he speaking

(a) A speech by Margaret Thatcher?
(b) A briefing by Bernard Ingham? (c) A statement by Sir Michael Havers? (d) A letter written by

PERSONAL BANKING

I is the night before Christmas,

Cause you've more gifts to buy,

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A: At whom was Prince William directing this gesture? (a) Miss Lindka Cierach? (b) Miss Laura Fellowes? (c) The Princess of Wales? (d) The Archbishop of Canterbury

"Tve got a better 13 "I've got a bette, background than anyone who married into (a) The Princess of Wales? (b) Lord Snowdnn? (c) Mr Angus Ogilvy? (d) Prince Philip?

14 Who said: "I would die for my country but I could never let my country die for me"? (a) Bruce Kent? (b) Corey Aquino? (c) Rajiv Gandhi? (d) Neil Kinnock?

15 Who said: "To get the best results you must talk to your vegetables"?
(a) Raymond Blanc? (b) Doris Stokes? (c) Clay Jones? (d) Prince Charles?

16 Who said: "So at home have you made me feel that you have even How very thoughtful." (a) Pik Botha in South (b) Margaret Thatcher in Norway! (c) President Mitterrand in

Canterbury when signing the Channel Tunnel treaty?

(d) President Marcos in

17 Who complained of the unadulterated trivia, rubhish, and gratuitous troublemaking tha appears in the media"? (a) Norman Tehbit? (b) Lord Rothschild? (c) Robert Maxwell? (d) Princess Anne?

18 "A load of garbage". Was this the opinion voiced by: (a) Mr Justice Powell of a submission by the British government? (b) Mr Stephen Solarz of President Reagan's speech about the Iranian arms (c) Mr Ed Koch of the

Soviet government? (d) Mr Chirac of the British government's account of Syrian involvement in terrorism? 19 Who said: "One wants to mutter deeply that apart from having two

good legs I also have two good degrees"?
(a) Margaret Thatcher?
(b) Steve Ovett? (c) Edwina Currie? (d) Wayne Eagling? 20 Someone explained:

location of the two individuals". Was it: (a) The captain of Somerset cricket club speaking of Garner and (b) George Shultz denying a spy swap? (c) Margaret Thatcher speaking of Leon Brittan and Michael Heseltine? (d) The managing director of Guinness explaining his Scottish chairman for

21 Who said: "God must reflect all that is female"? (a) Mrs Runcie? (b) Germaine Greer? (c) The Bishop of

Distillers?

(d) The Pope? 22 Who told representatives of the press: "Thanks very much lads. Tarrah." (a) Myra Hindley? (b) Dame Anna Neagle? (c) Pat Phoenix? (d) The Duchess of York?

23 Who said: "I'm trusting in the Lord and a good lawyer"?
(a) Richard Ingrams? (b) John Fleming? (c) John de Lorean? (d) Lt.-Col. Oliver North?

24 Who said: "If there was a mass market in nuclear weapons, we'd market them too"? (a) Tiny Rowland? (h) Yitzhak Shamir? (c) Ivan Boesky? (d) Alan Sugar?

25 Who told the Queen: "Believe me, it was harder work getting into this suit"? (a) John Paul Getty II? (b) Bob Geldof? (c) Luciano Pavarotti? (d) Deng Xiaoping?

**ACHIEVEMENTS** 

26 Who had great success with a project called Restaurants de (a) Pierre Cardin? (h) Kennedy Brookes? (c) The late Cnluche? (d) The Roux brothers?



B: Was Emperor Hirohito: (a) Pearl fishing? (b) Collecting seaweed and. shrimps? (c) At a wishing well



C: Is this: (a) The leader of British (b) A racing tipster on Derby Day? (c) The British Foreign (d) An Indian financier protesting his innocence of fraud charges?

27 Who made a really useful stock exchange

(a) Richard Branson? (b) Adam Faith? (c) Andrew Lloyd-Webber? (d) Mrs Fields?

28 Who failed in lift the roof off the Albert Hall?

(a) Placido Domingo because he sold fewer tickets than Luciano Pavaroni? (h) Luciano Pavarotti because he was singing elsewhere? (c) Saatchi and Saatchi for a British Airways television commercial? (d) Westland helicopters which lacked pulling power?

29 Who was honoured by the Sports Education Council as DORES SU (a) The Oueen Mother? (h) Elton John? (c) Robert Maxwell? (d) Denis Thatcher?

30 Who became chairman of the BBC? (a) Lord King? (b) Duke Hussey? (c) Derry Mainwaring (d) Lord Young?

CLAIMS TO FAME

31 Who suggested that Aids came from outer (a) James Anderton? (b) Ronald Reagan? (c) Fred Hoyle? (d) Steven Spielberg?

32 Who is chairing a government committee to combat the Aids virus? (a) Terence Higgins MP? (b) Lord Whitelaw? (c) Fred Hoyle? (d) Norman Fowler?

33 Who claimed that Airey Neave had been killed by MI6? (a) Ian Paisley? (b) Nigel West (Rupert Allason)? (c) Joan Miller? (d) Enoch Powell?

34 Who claimed yellow rain had come from

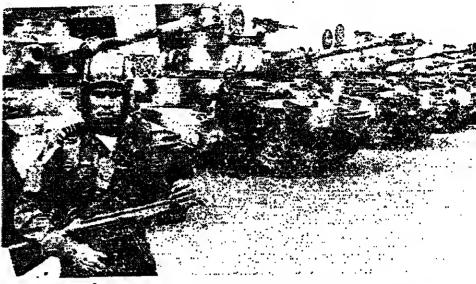
(a) Fred Hoyle? (b) Leo Abse? (c) Brian Sedgemnre? (d) Tam Dalyell? 35 The director-general of television read out

School?

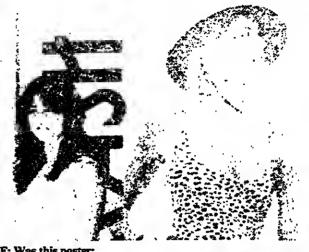
his resignation during a news broadcast. Was it: (a) In Britain, as part of a BBC documentary? (b) In Poland, because of hitches with General Jaruzelski's New Year broadcast? (c) In Mexico, because of (a) Australia and India? faults with World Cup (b) England and New (d) In France, because of (c) West Indies and complaints over election Pakistan? broadcasts?

36 Who is the head of Sudbury Infants (a) Glenys Kinnock? (a) Lie detector tests? (b) Ellis David? (c) Maureen McGoldrick? (b) Drug tests? (c) Breathalyzer tests? (d) Intelligence tests? (d) Ray Anderson?

37 Which group did Lord Hailsham tell tha their profession must be regarded as an obstacle to national reform? her make-up at home? (a) Print workers? (b) Journalists? (a) Raquel Welch? (b) Charlene Tilton? (c) Teachers? (d) Lawyers?



D: Were these tanks: (a) Withdrawing from Afghanistan? (b) Preparing for the World Cup in Mexico City? (c) Awaiting British football fans in Amsterdam? (d) On exercise at Heathrow airport?



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39 Who won the Nobel Prize for Literature? (a) Kingsley Amis? (b) Wole Soyinka? (c) Elie Wiesel? (d) Ted Hughes?

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Which vessel 4 1. rescued refugees from South Yemen? (a) Aurigae? (b) QE2? (c) The African Queen?

42 Which vessel was searched for drugs at (a) Drum? (b) Virgin Challenger II? (c) White Crusader? (d) Kings Abbey?

(d) Britannia?

43 Which vessel went home to Dundee? (a) The African Queen? (b) Britannia? (c) Discovery? (d) The former SS Uganda?

44 Which vessel robbed Southend of a world record? (a) Virgin Challenger II? (b) Kings Abbey? (d) Koningin Beatrix?

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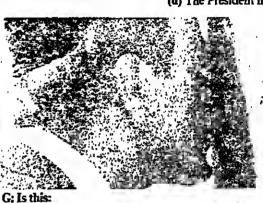
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49 Which actress was awarded more than \$10 million damages for unfair dismissal because she put on (c) Victoria Principal?



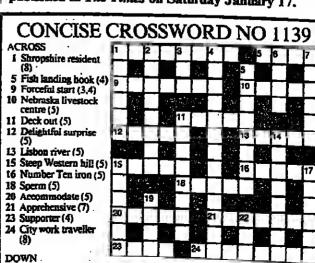
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# A million dollar screen test

The ratings proved that Hill Street Blues was a wise buy for Channel 4, but will its successor prove successful? ITV and BBC are both in the market, but it's the package that counts in the strange world of

programme purchasing. Henry Fenwick joined both sides in November as they wheeled and dealed in Los Angeles

Combine a poker game, a Sunday School outing, a film festival and a minuet, and you have a fair idea of it. Introduce some famous faces, hang a few million pounds on the outcome, and you have all the ingredients of the sort of television

show that will run and run.

But this show is for real, played every November in Los Angeles by the top executives of ITV and

the BBC. And out of it come a great many of the programmes British viewers will see in 1987.

The trappings are, of course, plush, in the best Hollywood style: the commercial TV group traditionally stays at the Beverly Wilkhire a rather ground old for Wilshire, a rather grand old (in Los Angeles terms) hotel on Wilshire Boulevard, hard by Rodeo Drive, where consumer capitalism celebrates itself. The BBC, more reserved, stays at the Bel Air, a secluded haven for the wealthy balf a mile from Sunset

Usually they are there for the same week, weaving their separate ways between the studios, occasionally catching glimpses of each other across a crowded lobby as each group pursues its deals. We doo't oecessarily set out to avoid each other," said Alan Howden, general manager of BBC programme acquisitions. "If we walk into the lobby of the Beverly Wilshire to have a meeting with someone then we'd probably meet them. It's oot unusual."

This year, because of the BBC's anniversary celebrations, the two groups overlapped, the BBC contingent coming early. Yet in a sense they are always together, linked by a gentleman's agreement hle to conclude any deal notil the other side has made its position clear.

The BBC is usually a small contingent: this year there was Michael Grade (director of programmes), Alan Howden and his deputy Barry Brown. There had been talk of Bill Cotton (managing director) and Graeme McDonald, (controller BBC 2), joining the expedition, but at the last minute both had to stay behind.

ITV. by contrast, comes en masse. This year 12 of them were making the rounds. "It's unavoidable, really," says Leslie Halliwell. programme huyer for ITV. "If more than two come - that is, the chairman and the buyer, then all the companies have to be fully represented. We managed not to lose any this year. Last year we lost my assistant at one stage."

If it sounds unwieldy, it is. The BBC, with its fewer oumbers, clearly has a much easier time coming to decisions - or just in getting to places. The day starts

# 'We are rude to people but they understand'

early for both groups and goes on late. "The trip becomes more of a strain than you should be asked to bear." Halliwell told me half-way through it. "You're trying to do deals as well, you see. We've seen 48 separate programmes in four days this week and each day we've been to four different locations and it doesn't leave a lot of time, with people always ringing. But



Coming soon: the stars of Hill Street Blues successor LA Law (left) and Head of the Class, a series set in a high school

and usually finishes in the bar at midnight. You tend to do a deal with each of the majors at least once a year, and very often it finishes up in the bar, scribbling on bits of paper."

"Usually we see two to three week". Howden said. "You normally go to the studio and see the product there, spend half a day, have luoch or dinner with the seller. You can identify the players seller. You can identify the players fairly easily — it's MCA, Paramount, Warner Bros, Twenoeth Century Fox, MGM-UA, Orion. And other people are coming into the game for the first time this year, like New World — they have Crime Story, the new series by Miehael Mann, who created Minorial Vice." omi Vice."

Both sides have an idea before they arrive not only of what they are going to be seeing, but of what they are going to want. This year it had already been clear for several months that LA Law, a pew series by Steven Bocheo, the creator of Hill Street Blues, was going to be the quality show of the year. And while quality isn't oecessarily synonymous with desirability, both sides knew they were going to be interested.

There was also an array of comedies - and both sides needed comedy. "In the past we've pursued action or glitzy soap operas," Howden said. "We made com-"My day starts at six o'clock in-the morning, ringing back home, really make enough now — es-pecially for early evening." ourselves, but we doo't

The BBC had its eyes on Head of the Class, a comedy about a substitute school teacher; Perfect Strangers, about a young pro-fessional and his immigrant cousin who comes to stay. LA Law and perhaps Crime Story. ITV was interested in LA Law and also looking for comedy. "We know basically what we're going to be looking at — we have to because we have to time it," Halliwell said.
"We have to have the cars waiting at either end because if the decision-makers get bored they want to walk out and find the cars waiting. One company threw us a hit the other day because they decided to make speeches at us for half-an-hour, which cut into the

screening time. When they finished they said 'Thank you very much for listening' and I said 'Thank you very much - I think our coaches are at the door.'

"We're very rude to a lot of the people here but they understand that we're all professionals and if we watch only 20 mioutes of something and then say we doo't want to see any more, that's it."

The main competition was clearly over LA Law, which both sides wanted — though with differing degrees of iotensity. "We don't need it in any positive. sense," Howden said on the eve of final negotiation. "But since it is as good as it promised to be we

"The problem with LA Law is that it's easy for people in the

entertainment business to accept it. It's up-scale in terms of lifestyle - but then, so is Dallas and that's no disability. But Dallas is pure fantasy and LA Law is about some of the real difficulties in the practise of law. That is where I think it has some problems for an English audience - in English society very few people ever have contact with lawyers except when they're huying or selling a house.

# 'We have seen 48 programmes in four days'

Many ordinary people may find the whole world completely foreign."

He may, of course, have already been preparing himself for the likelihood of losing it. The compeotion is rarely a simple matter of the highest bidder - it becomes, instead, a matter of creative packaging. "We try not to waste money," Halliwell said. "Yon don't want to get into a bidding situation where you're just putting the price up against each other, because it's all British money going out of the country. So one tries to pay a fair price.

"The cost of a one-hour TV and \$35,000 for one run in the UK. Half-hour comedies are generally on a much lower budget they get 10 to 12. The mini-series get more per bour on the presumptioo that they take a lot more setting-up, especially if they're based on a best-selling book. Then you're getting up to \$100,000 an hour and when you've got North and South or Winds of War you go

"But they're still cheaper than huying feature films. One million dollars would get you three feature films — say five-and-a-half hours — whereas it would get you 10 hours of mini-series. So if you're going to indulge in a sort of auction, then you do it by adding bits and pieces to the package that you can use, trying not to huy anything you can't use."

The BBC seems to think ITV has an advantage in these negotiations, because it has more slots in which it can air odd hits of product. ITV thinks it has obstacles the BBC doesn't even begin to know about. "ITV is hampered as a scheduling entity by all manner of things, but we manage to soldier through," Halliwell said, "The BBC has many fewer hurdles and somehow we usually manage to beat them - despite Michael Grade's reported scheduling genius. It's not difficult to be a good scheduler if you can follow your own hunches. The trick is to be a good scheduler wheo there are 12 of you with different hunches."

In the event, Halliwell created a package with Twentieth Century Fox for LA Law that the BBC was

unable - or unwilling - to match. "It was a question of the amount of product that one was willing to take," said Bilt Saunders, the English-born head of Fox's international Sales. "Their job is to get what they want at the lowest price and our job is to sell the maximum amount of product at the maxi-

mum price.
"In the event ITV took a series called 9 to 5 (based on the Jane Fonda film) with Sally Struthers. It's fun, it's relaxing, it's good stuff, And some good TV movies: Peyton Place, The Next Generation, a remake of A Letter to Three Wives, a TV movie called Popeye Doyle, based on the character in The French Connection. And fea-

# 'Have you got the Shirley Temples?'

ture films - Boy on a Dolphin, My Cousin Rachel, Do Not Disturb wonderful catalogue films. Fox has got a catalogue of 2,000 titles. "And it's not always just us building up the deal — Alan or Lesley may say 'Have you got the Shirley Temples?' 'Put the Charlie Chans in, or the Mr Motos'. The BBC got the Chans, ITV got the Motos. I try to eliminate going backwards and forwards; instead it's very nice and gentlemanly and that's the way we want it. It's very much a split down the middle. If it's not the BBC's deal this time, it'll be next time.

"We want to please both sides, want to be on both channels. I don't want anybody to go away from here feeling hurt in any way. It's a small family in this business. You're in touch with the same people every day. But family struggles differ in gentlemanliness."

Luckily for each side, their reactions to the comedies on offer this year were totally different. "A lot of the comedies which the critics liked we found unattractive to British tastes," Halliwell said. He did oot like Head of the Class, so the BBC had oo competition. Ignoring Perfect Strangers, ITV bought Amen, a comedy about a black deacon of a Baptist church which Halliwell believes will be instantly recognizable to British churchgoers and the BBC took Strangers. As part of the Fox deal, of course, ITV has 9 to 5. were looking for comedy for daytime and that seemed as good

ITV also bought Alf. a comedy about an alien creature rather like ET. "We need a half-hour for early evening and it's a silly little comedy, rather like Basil Brush, so we got it in the hope that the children will be pleased by the look of the thing."

Each side, looking a little punch-drunk, gathers up its own

treasures, sneering slightly at the Just like any good market.

# The year sanity broke out

Ghosts of Christmas past haunt Fleet Street as the press finds promise in the east, reports

In the increasingly deserted wine bars and pubs of Fleet Street, 1986 will be remem-bered as the year when tra-dition finally surrendered to decisive management, armed

with new technology.

Jonathan Miller

There were intimations of change even before the year began. Last Christmas, Mr Eddy Shah, the proprietor of a group of provincial free sheets, was preparing to launch Today, a new national daily newspaper, equipping his journalists with computer terminals instead of typewriters, and setting his type photographically, rather than in metal.

The print unions hated Mr Shah and had fiercely resisted his efforts to introduce computerized typesetting at his local newspapers; they were confident they could disrupt Today as well.

But Shah was not the only proprietor with fresh ideas. News International, publisher of *The Times, The Sunday* Times, the Sun and News of the World, titles which for years had been subjected to production disruptions and arbitrary working practices, asked the unions to accept a legally-binding contract with a no strike clause.

The unions refused to believe that News International lieve that News International could make such an agreement stick, and voted to strike. The company responded by moving into a new printing plant in Wapping, east London, and resumed production without them. The move radically altered the balance of power in the pational newspaper industry.

national newspaper industry. When picketing, boycotts and often violent attacks on News International property and employees failed to stop production, the impotence of

the print unions was exposed. Suddenly, it dawned on the rest of the industry that the days of overmanning and wildcat strikes could be over. The flight from Fleet Street began, and is certain to accelerate next year, when Fleet



One among many: Eddy Shah and the launch issue of Today

Street and its environs will have only ghostly reminders of its former giory as the palaces of the publishers are redeveloped ioto offices for merchant bankers.

merchant bankers.
Consequently, Associated
Newspapers, publishers of the
Daily Mail, Mail on Sunday
and Evening Standard, is
moving its journalists to Kensington, and its printing works
to the former Surrey Docks,
could of the River Thames. south of the River Thames.

The Daily Telegraph has already moved much of its printing to the Isle of Dogs in London's East End, and plans by next spring, although it must still complete negotiations with its unions.

The Financial Times, which must also complete union negotiations for compulsory redundancies, plans a printing plant at the East India docks and is scouting locations for a revolution."

the country.

The Independent, the oew quality daily launched in October, has installed itself away from Fleet Street on City Road, and is prinong its papers at four provincial sites. Fleet Holdings, owner of the

Daily Express, Daily Star and printing to the Isle of Dogs in London's East End, and plans to move its journalists there staff, and is likely to make a decision next year to abandon its black glass building on Fleet Street.

an editorial and business

An Isle of Dogs plant for The Guardian has been com-

pleted and The Observer plans to move its editorial offices to

Battersea in March, and shift printing to four provincial

centers, dismissing its entire Londoo printing workforce.
At Mirror Group news-

papers, the new-technology London Daily News is sched-

uled to appear io February and Mr Robert Maxwell, the proprietor, wants to disperse his printing operations around

In its annual report, the Press Council called the changes that have overtaken Fleet Street "so profound, they fully deserve to be called

# Lowered sights over missed targets

Amid a year of turmost in the national newspaper industry. The Independent was launched in October with hopes that it would rapidly establish itself as a new national quality title. Nearly three months later, it is missing its circulation target by more than 100,000 copies a

It is having to discount heavily its advertising charges and other newspaper man-agers and independent an-alysts believe that it may soon face financial problems.

Advertising agencies say they are able to bay display space in the newspaper for 30 to 50 per cent less than the price stated in the advertising ratecard. Some report they have been offered pages for discounts of 80 per cent or more for space booked late on the day before publication.

Aided by a £3 million promotion budget, The In-dependent achieved a successful launch and was widelyacclaimed for its technical quality compared with the troubled launch of Today. It sold 650,000 copies on the first

Amid a year of turmoil in the day of publication on October national newspaper industry, 7, but sales declined steeply in the following three weeks and have continued to drop at a slower pace since. New titles are sensitive

about sales targets and real circulation figures. For the last month, The Independent has been claiming sales of "over 300,000." But rival newspaper managements, who monitor each others' sales closely, say these figures are over optimistic. The most quoted industry estimate is 262,000, based on sampling techniques claimed to have an error rate of less than one per cent. Other estimates put the figure even

lower.

When it was launched,
Adrian O'Neill, The
Independent's advertising and marketing director, forecast that sales would settle down to between 350,000 and 400,000 copies over the first three or four months of publication 20 per cent below expectawith a break-even figure of tions, to 293,000, the first year 373,000.

The newspaper's manage-million and there would be a ment has now backed away further loss in the second year from these forecasts. They say of £1.6 million.

than projected and claim that sales of display advertising have exceeded expectations. As a result, they assert that the newspaper can now break even financially on a circulation of the sales tion lower than first believed. Media Week, an industry poblication, reported on December 12 that the paper can now survive on a circula-tion of only 300,000. But the heavy discounting of advertis-ing may call for further re-

The Independent was launched on the proceeds of an £18 million share flotation and a £3 million bank overdraft. The prospectus forecast that on a circulation of 373,000, the paper would make a loss of £3 million in its first year of publication and a profit of £4 million in the second.

The prospectus concede however, that if circulation fell loss would increase to £4

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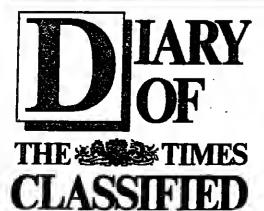
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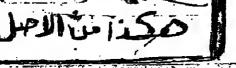
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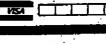
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The Royal Family's 'elegant workhorse' will be 50 tomorrow; Alan Hamilton assesses Princess Alexandra

# The princess fit for any kingdom

er clothes are by Jean Muir, Maureen Baker or Belville Sassoon. She is the personification of cool elegance. Her reputation is unsulfied by bad grace, illicit romance, mystery illness or delusions of grandeur. She is the very model of what a priocess is expected to be, and works hard at it.

Yet she rarely appears oo the froot pages these days, her light ourshone by those super-exposed media stars, the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of York and her sister-in-law, Priocess Michael of Kent. Princess Alexandra is 50 tomorrow, and although the Royal camera pack oow largely ignores her in favour of her younger cousins, she remains the Royal Family's workhorse, shouldering more than her fair share of the load with never so much as a scowi to spoil her untarnished image.

Others may have taken over the frootline high-glamour engagements, but Alexandra's diary remains as full as ever.
In the recent past she has, among many other doties, visited the Royal Hong Kong Police, called oo the King and Queen of Thailand, opeoed the British Airways terminal at John F. Kennedy airport in New York, presented the Queen Elizabeth II Challeoge Cup at the race meeting in Keeneland, Kentucky,

At home she is the figurehead of, among many other bodies, the British Red Cross Society, the Mental Health Foundation, the Royal Navy and RAF oursing services, the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Alexandra Rose Day (named after Oneen Alexandra Rose) Rose Day (named after Queen Alexandra, consort to Edward VII), and Chancellor of Lancaster University.

Alexandra shares with her brothers the Duke of Kent and Prince Michael the rare distinction of being a consin both of the Queen, through her grandfather King George V, and the Duke of Edinburgh, through her mother Princess Marina, a member of the Greek royal family.

She lost her father, the Duke of Kent, in a wartime flying accident when she was only six, and was raised by her mother at the old family home of Coppins, at Iver in Buckinghamshire, oow sold because of difficulties in making it secure. She was recruited into the Royal Circus ot un early stage in the present Queen's reign, when there were far fewer princesses to share the monarch's schedule. Her first major public appearance, at the age of 18, was to accompany her mother on a tour of Canada and the United States, and the work has not stopped since.



Alexandra broke new royal ground in several areas. While the then Princess Elizabeth was educated by carefully-chosen tutors inside Buckingham Palace, Alexandra was the first royal princess to attend a "real" school - Heathfield at Ascot — and she pioneered the royal walkabout long before her cousin the sovereign dared mix so freely with her subjects. Her education was completed by a nursing course at Great Ormond Street children's hospital, under the name of Nurse Kent, and o spell at a Paris finishing school, where her natura charm and easy manner received a final

Part of her good fortune has been a secure marriage to Angus Ogilvy, second soo of the Earl of Airlie with a background of Etoo, the Scots Guards. But her married life has not all been plain sailing: shortly after their wedding at Westminster Abbey in 1963 her husband was hit in the back by a speedboat while swimming in the Mediterranean, and has suffered recurrent pain ever since.

There was further trouble in 1973 when Ogilvy quit the board of Lonrho in a well-publicized row with the company's chief executive. Tiny Rowland, and felt obliged to steer well clear of

eventually re-emerged with his reput-atioo intact, and now sits oo the boards of several prestige companies, including Sotheby's, MEPC, and Rank). Alexandra always made it a rule that

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she would keep her official diary as elear as possible during school holidays to be with her children, but that no longer applies: James, oow 22, is in his final year of an arts degree at St Andrews while Marina, at 20, has yet to find a steady career. Neither will inherit a title, for "Royal Highness" runs out with the sovereign's grandchildren unless they are in direct line to the throne, and their father, being only the second son of an earl, does oot even have his "Hooourable" to pass on.

Their mother leads a very private life

when oot oo public duty, and the family home at Thatched House Lodge in Richmood Park, built in 1727 for Sir Robert Walpole, has remained a wellguarded sanctuary (though it is less insulated from aircraft passing overhead oo their final approach to Heathrow). She swims, often in her own heated pool at home, rides and skis, enjoys private dinner parties with friends, and is o regular visitor to art exhibitions and the opera, with the English National Opera among her many patronages.

The family income is chiefly from Ogilvy's directorships, hot the Princess does receive ao annual allowance, currently f120,900, from the Civil List, actually provided from the Queen's private resources. It, like the Civil List allowances of the Keots and Gloucesters, goes chiefly on the salaries of her very small and intensely loyal

he has had the same maid,
Marjorie Dawson, since she was
18. One of her two part-time
ladies-in-waiting, Lady Mary
Mumford, has been with her
since 1964. Her long-standing private
secretary, Mooa Mitchell, ruos Alexandra's public life from a tiny office in a corner of St James's Palace.

Alexandra, a tall, elegant woman, will strike envy into many another reaching her half-ceotury. She is received with exceptional warmth wherever she goes, not so much because of her appearance but because of her talent, probably unequalled within the leading members of the Royal Family, for being easy and entirely unstuffy without losing her natural dignity. Yet she has never given an interview; she knows full well that the art of being a princess requires a little bit

# Where the body meets the soul Bubbly to

Underneath a

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London church.

Gitta Sereny uncovers a

remarkable experiment

Early next year a remarkable development in medical research will begin when the St Marylebone Centre for Healing and Counselling opens in

Two of Britain's most innovative young architects, Nicky and John Braithwaite, have beeo working for two years on converting the 10,000 square foot crypt beneath St Marviebone church into a centre handling a variety of orthodox nedical programmes, alternative disciplines, the church's own healing unit, lay therapists, and counselling services representing various

There will also be a Magnetic Resonance Imaging most sophisticated oew diagnostie devices for people suffering from diseases of the central oervous system.

Extensive computer facilities will evaluate the linking of orthodox and alternative treatments, thereby establishing a scientific basis for comparisoo and analysis of alteroative

alteroative (or "complementary") medical disciplines. The computer will co-ordinate and store the team's social, bio-statistical psycho-physiological aod informational research.

The church rector, Christopher Hamel-Cooke, whose idea the centre was, had long, felt the oeed to build new bridges between religion and medicine. So, when he came to St Marylebone in 1981, he realised that the crypt, a huge warreo of unused space beoeath the church, could be used to bridge the gap between body and soul. Why not, he proposed to church and medical authorities, reverse the hospital model and "appoint a

doctor to the chaplaincy". "Nobody knows", he says, "how many illnesses are of emotional origin, hut without any doubt, with the increasing stresses of modern life, it is an ecormous oumber. The word psychosomatic has come to have quite false negative connotations. The fact is that doctors, under an onslaught of



Open door policy: Dr Pietrone (left) and the Rev Hamel-Cooke will welcome all-comers in the crypt of good health

basically undiagnosable ills, with which they have neither the time nor the training to deal, resort to the only means their disposal: tranquillizers. But the vast majority of them are very unhappy about this and are perfectly aware that treating symptoms only by chemical means is not treating the

### Merging the orthodox with alternatives

The concept behind the centre was supported by highly-influential church and lay personalities such as the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Hailsham, and Sir Douglas Black, formerly President of the Royal College of Physicians. They are among the sponsors and trustees of

the project.
They have attracted more than a thousand donors multinational funds, foundations, corporations and individuals - who have cootributed more than £900,000 - well over twothirds of the estimated buildbeen appointed to the crypt, medicine research project he Mr. Hamel-Cooke expects to runs to the crypt. spend a good deal of time there himself. "I see our role as counselling, praying and the laying on of hands, in that order, and I imagine and hope that many of the patients who will attend the medical side, will choose to come to our moothly healing services oo the first Sunday of the

He is auxious to emphasize, however, that Christian healing, as they practise it, is not spiritualist healing. "This notion that healing energies flow from the healers' hands and cure illnesses is oot ours. It can happen, of course, but our belief is based upon the ancient words we pronounce as we lay oo hands "God made you, made you whole".

The director of the medical side of the centre, 43-year-old Dr Patrick Pietroni, senior lecturer in general practice at St. Mary's Hospital medical school in Paddington, is bring-ing into the project as equal parmers a oumber of alternative, or "complementary", medical services. They will each have their own surgeries.
A pioneer in advocating and teaching the "whole person" approach to medicine, he will

Dr Pictroni is passionate about the deficiencies in medical training for doctors in Britain. Until eight or 10 years ago, he says, general medicine was a stepchild of medical training. "Before that, if a student chose to specialise in

### Avoiding the quacks and amateurs

considered beyond the pale. Fallen off the ladder, they called it. Now, significantly enough, 50 to 60 per cent of the brightest medical students chose general practice and demand always creating supply - this social-academic pressure has forced medical schools to provide courses." "In any one mooth", said

Dr Pietroni, quoting from three studies, out of every 1,000 adults between 16 and 65, 750 will develop a symptom of some kind; 250 of them will visit their GP (the other 500 choosing to ignore what be transferring his own large could be important indica-

Although a chaplain has NHS practice and a holistic tions of illness); 10 of those will be referred to hospital and only one will be seen at a teaching hospital - a situation which defies the establishment of proper health care for the nation and proper teaching of young doctors."

He says that only people can change health care: "a civilizatioo that achieves a different kind of communicative maturity will create this new relationship between doctor and patient."

Doctors, he says, must learn to listen and develop personal contact. Students find this human approach so exciting that one then has to turn around and bring them back to science and its enormous benefits. "It's the combination of the two they have to learn, a different application of the art, if you like". That, he says, is what "holistic medicine" means.

He accepts that there is always a danger of quackery and well-meaning amateurs.
"But that is why the St Marylebone project is so exciting", he says. "At last we have an opportunity to research the relevance and application of all kinds of methods under benevolent but controlled conditions."

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pudding's like give, enrolling at one of Leith's School of Food and Wine Saturday seminars might be in order. Designed for busy people (beginners and advanced stu-dents) who enjoy cooking, the idea is to enlighteo cooks oo professional working techniques, with demonstrations of dinner party menus. The price is £15 including, not suprisingly, lunch. The first of the monthly seminars is on January 24, and details are

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# 6 Most women aren't mercenary about gifts, we merely want our security confirmed?

ne of the advantages of being the daughter of lapsed Jews is that one gets dreadfully spoiled. Each December, my parents had an attack of roots, and so we childreo would celebrate hoth Chanukkan and Christmas. The gift opportunities were breath-taking.

Perhaps that is why I always counted the days to Christmas with special zeal, although I think that is not the entire reason. My parents, being richer in wisdom than in money, made o special point of emphasizing the fantasy of the holiday season. Perhaps I didn't believe it all, but I believed enough. To this day, tinsel reminds me of an excitement so intense that it seemed to fill my whole tummy.

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The tinsel becomes a little tarnished when you are grown-up, but even the most cynical salespersoo can't diminish my pleasure in gifts. My husband had a mad seizure a short time ago and went off looking at frightfully expensive jewellery for me. Normally, he wouldn't have mentioned it but he happened to go into a London shop called "Graff" and asked to see a gold bracelet, something, he suggested, like the one the saleswoman was wearing. As he asked, a man behind the counter

looked my spouse over: "No, don't show him that", he said to the girl. "It's too expensive for him".

It is true that my husband's sartorial

choices are not always up to scratch. However, he is always scrapulously groomed and, unlike me, has an enviable credit rating. He was horri-fied by this remark, but being a man of manners he chose not to do something vulgar and quietly left the shop.

He told me the story when I had

come back from a wearying bout looking for his Christmas gift. "Don't looking for his Unrisumes gitt. "Don't worry about getting me something special", he said as I sank into a chair clutching slips of paper with prices from antique shops. "Don't get an expensive gift either", he said with that apologetic grin that means a cliche is about to sumit and use the character that country." the thought that counts.

It is the thought that counts and I wouldn't suggest for one moment that a gift only has a meaning to a woman if it has an appropriate ratio to the net worth of the gentleman purchasing it. But gifts from husbands or lovers have a special significance, one that is often misinterpreted. For a long time women have been saddled with the label of being mercenary about presents, and

while that may be true of some, it isn't true of most of us. Insofar as we do make an assessment of the value of a gift, we do it more to confirm the wisdom of our choice of mate.

It is too ponderous to detail all the instincts in the female midbrain that influence us in choosing the man we love, but in this peculiar business of pair-bonding one of the powerful influences on a woman is the degree of protection he offers. This protection is linked to what we see as his "power".

power, of course, varies from individual, so for some of us a powerful man is one who can best fix fuses and for another it may be the chap who can speak three languages. Women still look for powerful men because part of our old atavistic instincts haven't yet caught up with modern times. We still feel a little vulnerable. We are the ones who give hirth and we still sense perhaps that we need some protection as we humber around trying to avoid mis-carriages, exhaustion and morning

sickness. What does all this have to do with bracelets from "Graff"? Well, gifts are the proof to a woman that she is wanted and loved — and protected. The giving of them is in part a symbolic act that harks back to women's biological vulnerability. This may change with time, but the instinct remains strong. Potboiler writers understand it: in Jackie Collins' ghastly Hollywood Wives there is a telling moment when a woman shoplifts an expensive crocodile accessory in order to tell friends that "my husband bought it for me". It is her way of proving that she is still a valuable essence in his life.

Gifts don't have to be crecodile handbags of course. Anita Loos may have written that "diamonds are o girl's best friend" but so are rhinestones or paste or a comb for your hair if that is a couple's economic reality. Putting aside the wretched excesses of the few traly mercenary women that have given the language such unpleasant terms as "meal ticket" and "gold-digger", gifts to a woman are a happy confirmation that her position is safe and her domestic front is secure. May tomorrow bring you the gift of your dreams. Merry Chanukkah.

Barbara Amiel

# Christmas: the meaning of the mystery

# by Dr Graham Leonard **Bishop of London**

O wonder of wonders, which none can enfold: The Ancient of Days is an hour or two ald:

The Maker of all things is made of the earth, Man is worshipped by Angels and God comes to birth:

The Word in the bliss of the Godhead remains, Yet in flesh comes to suffer the

keenest of pains: He is that He was, and for ever shall be.

But becomes that He was not

for you and for me.

ountless words have been written about the meaning of Christmas, the central and most history. Yet such is the glory and splendour of that Divine Act, such is its simplicity and profundity as to make adoration, love and joy seem the only fitting response, whether io the silence of thankful acceptance or in the sounds of feasting and celebration.

If words there must be, do not the simple lines of the carol express all we oeed to say? They effortlessly describe what took place in a way which compels us to recognize its extraordinary nature. Of that event St Thomas Aquinas wrote: "Of all the works of God, it most surpasses, our reasoo; for nothing more wonderful could be thought of than that Very God, the Son of God, should become man."

Surpasses our reason - does that mean that it must be to the artist, the musician, the sculptor to whom we turn so that the glory is expressed, and the meaning revealed?Yes indeed, but not only to them. Our response must be of mind, as well as of body and soul. Though this unique event surpasses our reason, it does not deny it and demands the disciplined application of our intellect. But we must not allow the exercise of our minds to remove the sense of wooder, awe and joy which must be our first response if we are to be grasped by the meaning of the

So when we reflect upon Nazareth and Bethlehem, we need the words of the Creeds in which such phrases as "Very God of Very God, begotten not made" and ... was crucified for us under

Pontius Pilate" are set side by side when speaking of the same Person. So profound is the mystery, stretching our vision and understanding, that we need the simplicity of the Gospel narrative and the directness of the Creeds to recall us to the surpassing glory of the

Divine Humility.

Nazareth and Bethlehem - I mentioned both because to grasp the reality of the Incarnation we need to remember that it began not in Bethlehem, but in Nazareth where Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost. No new persoo was created at that moment, as hap-pens in the course of cormal burnan procreation. The Second Person of the Trinity, the Son, took unto Himself our human nature and a human body and was

For nine months, Mary carried God incarnate within her until He was born in Bethlehem and dwelt among us. So the Council of Ephesus, to which the Church of England gives special authority, named Mary as Theotokos -Mother of God. Neglect her unique vocation and it is fatally easy, as history shows, to put her Son in her place. She was called to the highest vocation of any created being. He is God incarnate — the Uncreated made flesh. As the 15thcentury hymo puts it:

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, How passing thought and fantasy That God, the Son of God, should

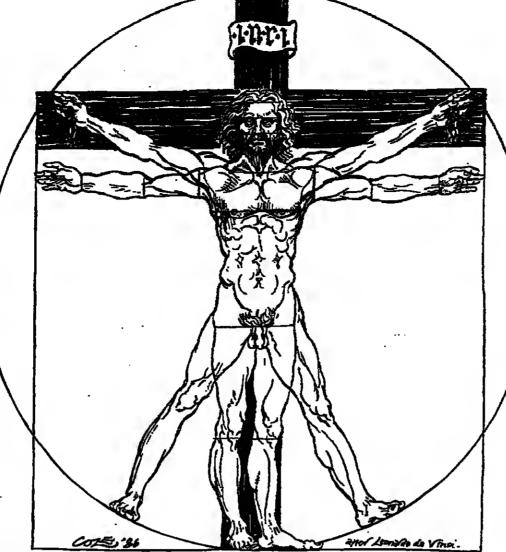
Our mortal form for mortal's sake. He sent no Angel to our race Of higher or of lower place, But wore the robe of human

And he himself to this world

It does indeed "pass thought" that the Eternal God, the Creator of the Universe, Ultimate Reality, should share our human life. But it also "passes fantasy" for He did so in history and men could say: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life - we proclaim to

What does this mean for us as we live on earth? The Incarnation was brought about, as the Athanasian Creed says, "not by the cooversion of the Godhead into flesh" but "by the taking of manhood into God". The purpose of the Incarnation was nothing less than to enable men and women to share in the life of God

Himself, oow and in eternity. "His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for



6 He took a human body and human nature. It was with and in that human body and nature that He tasted poverty and death. It was with and in that human body and nature that He redeemed man and the created universe, and united man to Himself in a relationship which abides for ever.

life and true religion, enabling us to know the One who called us by his own splendour and might. Through this might and splendour he has given us his promises, great beyond all price, and through them you may ... come to share in the very being of God." (2 Peter 1, 2-4, NEB).

hile having a pro-found effect for our lives while we are still oo earth, the implications of the Incarnatioo are inexhaustible and

In the first place it is the Incarnation which enables us to know God in His might and splendour as Love. It may seem strange that I should regard this as the most important truth which the Incarnatioo reveals. But we live in a sentimental age. Love led Christ to the Cross, unlike the sentimentality of today which condones sin to avoid sacrifice. The Gospel is based on love, not on sentimentality.

In the Old Testament there is a tensioo between the moral demands of God and His tender and loving care for His people. In the Incarnation the two are reconciled as the true meaning of love is revealed. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory . . . full of grace and truth." True love embodies

"Mercy and truth are met together", for it is God Himself in Christ who accepts the cost of living the truth, which He embodies, while loving us to the end. So we see sacrificial love which does not condone or compromise and through which man is reconciled

In any broken relationship, it is the better of the two who are estranged who bears the greater cost. Because He is a more loving and holier person, the better one understands more truly the meaning and significance of the estrangement which has occurred and appreciates the cost of reconciliation.

God knows the ultimate significance of our sin, which alienates us from Him. In Christ He reconciles the word to Himself, bearing the cost of the sins of the whole world of which our sins are part. As the hymn says: "He sent no Angel to our race." He came Himself.

Had He not done so, what kind of God would we be called to love and worship? What respect can we have for someone who, unwilling himself to face the cost of reconciliation, sends another to pay the price so that he may be spared? If Christ were not God we could admire, reverence and love the man Jesus, though we could not give Him the unconditional adoration which is to be given to God alone. But we would have to love Him as the victim of an unyielding God who required that such a man should live and die.

Easter would no longer be the glorious demonstration of the victory of Love. It would be a demonstration by man that he could conquer in spite of the way in which God had made him.

As Christians, incorporated into Christ by our baptism and unbreakably joined to God by our union with Christ, His regenerative grace and power flow within us, so that we may share in the growth of the new creation. We live truly in Christ, in so far as the worship which He offers in His glorified humanity is offered in us, His prayers prayed through us, His love of the Father in the Spirit given through us.

But more, we live truly in Christ, in so far as His love for mankind is given in us, as we bring the whole of life, both in its glory or misery to God, while proclaiming the truth which is of God and His forgiving mercy. For our love is to take the form of the Divine Love which is revealed in

the Incarnation. We have, at one and the same time, to love our neighbours as, they are and to bear the cost, in ourselves, of declaring the truth, avoiding a harsh moralizing oo the one hand and an easy condonation oo the other. We shall, of course, fail to love as we should and it is for this reason that we must live perpetually under the Divine Mercy, ever seeking the creative forgiveness of God so that

His love may grow in us.

Living in Christ as co-workers with God — to use St Paul's bold phrase - sharing and expressing His love, our lives are given an eternal dimension. No mere earthly aim suffices for man to fulfil his nature, still less to fulfil the Divine Purpose of his Creator. The fellowship which we are given with God through the Incarnation here and oow to be lived out in love, obedience and suffering is oot to be limited to this world. It is to be fulfilled in the world to come "at the end of the age".

Time will be no more, for we shall be caught up into the eternal

glory of God which is both perfect activity and perfect rest.

Until that day, every moment has an eternal dimension. Because in Palestine, the Ancient of Days was an hour or two old and time was takeo into the Eternal, so by our unioo with Christ, God and Man, we can live both in time and in an eternal relationship with God. This and every moment is the point of intersection of the

timeless with time.
As we come to Him, He meets us as we are. We can be reconciled to Him with our past and our expectations for the future, though the past can be exorcised and our expectations transformed.

For every Christian, the Encharist should be the centre of celebration and the source of joy at Christmas. The Incarnation was a mighty act of the living God, who entered into a new relationship with the world He had created. He took a human body and human nature. It was with and in that human body and oature that He tasted poverty and death. It was with and in that human body and oature that He redeemed man and the created universe, and united man to Himself in a relationship which abides for ever.

o in anticipation oo the night before He died, He took bread and said, "Take, eat" - that men and women throughout history might share in His human-ity which was to be glorified through His death.

As we receive the Holy Communion of the Sacrament of His Body and His Blood, we can use the words of Adam in a wholly new sense. "The woman gave me and I did eat." Mary gave a body to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He took it through death and oow gives it glorified back to us. The Sacramental Body of the Eucharist is the bond of union between the glorified Body of the Redeemer in the beavenly realm and that part of His Mystical Body which is here oo earth.

In the Eucharist we have the foretaste of the final glorificatioo of the created universe, including man, when by its complete incorporation ioto Christ, the promises of God will be fulfilled. Through it, we are enabled to share bere and now in the coming of the Kingdom. Meanwhile —

Name Him, brothers, name Him, With love as strong as death, But with awe and wonder And with bated breath; He is God the Saviour. He is Christ the Lord. Ever to be worshipped Trusted, and adored.

# The brothers of Niepokalanow

"And of course if the meal is no good - " The friar pauses, breathing quickly to indicate humorous improbability. Theo we change the words of the grace to say, Thank you, God, for that which we have received and please do oot punish those who have prepared it." scans have always food and oo one in the Niepokalanow monastery, a sprawling Christian fortress in the middle of communist Poland, doubts that the brothers in the refectory kitchens will do a good job this Christmas Eve: a grand parade of carp and beetroot soup and dumplings.

Upstairs the brothers will work until nooo in the computer composition room, preparing the next copy of The Knights of the Immaculate Virgin, a broadsheet with a priot-run of 100,000. Outside, Brother Czeslaw Ocetek will make a final check of the shining red fireengine that carries into action the only monastic fire service in Christendom. The cows will be milked, the beehives sheltered from the snow and the 215 monks and scores of seminary students will begin the crowded schedule of food, prayer and recital that leads to the midnight mass.

Niepokalanow monastery, say the monks, is the biggest single-order moo-astery in the world. Founded in 1927 by Father Maximilian Kolbe (who was canonized four years ago), it is an example of how Polish tradition, Catholic ritual and modern technology can be moulded into a model of Christian survival under atheistic rule. In many

John Paul's mission to communist gelizing to the world and keeping the

faith in an undiluted, disciplined way. It is fitting then that a picture of the Pope, arms outstretched as though celebrating a victory, adorns the cah of the Niepokalanow fire-engine. More than 30 brothers are in the fire service, which goes into actioo almost 100 times

a year, quenching fires, preventing flooding and rescuing farmers' children. The monastery's task is clear enough: to save souls and bodies. The monks may look faintly comical with their helmets and habits, rosaries on one hip, hatchess on the other, but they represen an end to the monastic isolation that bred so much antagonism to the Roman Catholic church before the war. The brothers are not just putting out fires: they are strengthening the links between church and people.

Marxist writers make much of this antagonism. The sociologist Edward Ciupak, for example, argues that it is nonsense to identify Catholicism with Polishoess; rather the church has exploited national feelings in order to defend certain social groups, such as the gentry. Before the war, the monks of Niepokalanow were accused of antisemitism; oow they are trying to put the Roger Boyes finds the computerized Franciscans

lie to this, partly through community

The state of course intrudes on this relationship. Each of the publications produced by the gleaming Niepokalanow printing plant has to be submitted to the censor. Knight of the Immaculate Virgin, which is distributed by the Franciscan octwork throughout the world, is frequently scarred with hlanks. The blue peocil often censors references to Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the Solidarity chaplain murdered by secret police officers, and even quotations from the Pope.

In the Soviet bloc, everything the church is allowed to do is regarded as a privilege, not a right. The privileges are withdrawn or extended according to political whim: one can hardly call it

In 1949 the communist authoritiesconfiscated the monastery's printing equipment. Two years later the school and its library were closed down; the books were carted off for distribution to state schools. By 1953 the authorities were determined to close down the whole monastery. They imposed heavy taxes

on fruit-trees and on the fish in the monastery pond. The levy totalled four million zloties, a huge sum in those days, though now barely enough to buy a secondhand Mercedes on the black

Fortunately for the monks, Stalin died and with him the drive towards dissolution of religious orders. Even so, it was oot until the Solidarity era that the monks received permission to start publishing again. The election of the Polish Pope in 1978, coupled with the rise of Solidarity in 1980 - which established clear connections between the Pope's social teachings and political change - strengthened the determination of Catholics under communism. With the Pope due to make a third pilgrimage to his bomeland next June, the Polish church is keen to make another push for an act of parliament that would at least give it legal recog-

At the moment the church can achieve much by exploiting the present goodwill of the Jaruzelski leadership. The building programme for the next five years envisages the construction of another



Seminarians' hero: St Maximilian 150 churches - in a country that already

has over 14,000. The church has more than 21.000 ordained priests and every year brings more. At Niepokalanow there are 116 seminary students, a gregarious bunch whose football teams are named after Liverpool, Bayern Munich and Roma, who are allowed to watch televison (coming soon, Jeffrey Archer's Kane and Abel), and who study Karl Marx as well as religious texts. Their heroes range from the Pope, Saint Maximilian (who gave up his life to save a fellow-inmate in

Auschwitz) and Father Pipieluszko to the footballer Zbigniew Boniek. This is the post-Solidarity generation,

and their hero-worship does not as a rule include the leaders of the outlawed organization. But Solidarity has left its mark. These future priests know they can go into the world and make demands of authorities, compromise at any cost, are not for them priestly values.

At Niepokalanow 10 would-be seminarians are rejected for every one chosen. The monastic day begins before dawn with an hour of prayer, then mass, followed by a full working day - in the printing shop, the market garden, the classroom - and more prayer.

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Not communism but rather the modern world is the main threat to the monks. The gate to the monastery resembles a border crossing-point. A sign reads, No Women Beyond This Point. The fact is that the young priests of Poland face increasing pressures. Among Poland's overwhelmingly Catholic population, some must be termed bad Catholics: not in terms of observance but as measured by the large number of abortions and divorces and the flouting

of doctrine. Christmas, as the mooks of Niepokalanow say, is a time for renewing faith and taking stock. Despite the loaded dinner tables, and the caodles around the tree, it may oot be an altogether comfortable occasion. The church has discovered the knack of survival under communism; oow it must reach out for straying believers.

#### The studeot demonstrations in cities as dispersed as Shanghai, Wuhan, Kunming and, yesterday for the first time, Peking have caught many observers by surprise. The size and nature of the rallies have provoked speculation about the stability of the Chinese political system and the prospects for the continuation of economic

part of a peculiar reform process which, having been launched, has yet to focus oo its ultimate objectives. To short, the disturbances were oo more than an expressioo of the cootinuing conflict within the Chinese leadership over whether, and how, reform sbould procede.

lo the eight years since eocnomic reform began, economic and political change has been significantly more radical than in eastern Europe, where reform has been attempted for three decades witbout any real success.

The contrast between China and eastern Europe is all the more striking in view of their respective economic expertise. Eastern Europe has a glut of sophisticated models of economic reform chasing very few leaderships willing or able to implement them. In China it is a case of a leadership impatient for reform but lacking the necessary blueprint.

The absence of a clear reform blueprint makes it dificult to contain the inevitable tensions and distortions that arise from partial reform. But it also offers some advantages. Opponents of reform are confronted with an invisible or mobile target which they find difficult to criticize. More importantly, the limits of reform cannot be defined a priori. If reform is to be effective, it must

# The political battle for reform behind China's new unrest

remain sufficiently flexible to adjust to unforeseen develop-ments. It is precisely because reform in China has been an openended process that it is becoming increasingly radical.

tions can be seen as an outcome of this process. When reform first began in China in early 1979, the leadership was careful to isolate economic reform from the wider political issues. The leadership sought legitimacy for its actions by distinguishing changes in the system of economic management from that of ownership. Economic reform was officially said to involve only changes in the former, while the system of public ownership of the means of productioo remained inviolate.

Such a formulation runs counter to the logic of Marx. When the reforms were first iotroduced a leading Chinese economist, Dong Fureng, argued that they were logically inconsistent and unrealistic in practice. Dong insisted that economic reform would sooner or later have to eotail changes in the system of ownership as well. Dong's view was strongly condemned by the authorities. An admission of the need for changes in ownership would also imply changes in the role of the party and state in

Political reform of a sort, how-

economic activities.

ever, has consistently been a priority under the leadership of Deng Xiaoping. Uotil recently, the definition of political reform has been limited to administrative and organizational changes. But the separation of political and The current student demonstraeconomic tasks has proved impossible, and was seriously undermining the objective of reform.

The enormous pressures that these conflicts put on officials were illustrated by the suicide two years ago of a provincial head of the People's Bank of China. Faced with the irreconcilable demands from Peking to curb credit oo the one hand, and from the local party bosses for even more loans on the other, he took his life. The indivisibility of economic

and political reforms have also been highlighted by the performance of the Chinese economy in the past two years. The acceleratioo of economic reform in late 1984 has resulted in inflationary pressures, over-investment, industrial overheating, the largest foreign trade deficit and the biggest one-year decline in grain output since 1949. The opponents of reform

attribute these trends to too much reform, while its advocates insist that the reforms have oot gone far enough. Over the past year government economists have been attempting to draft a blueprint of reform for discussion at the 13th of the new reforms under dis-cussion, such as the creation of a natioowide capital market including a stock market, transforming state enterprises into joint-stock companies and the denationalization of loss-making enterprises, are proving to be highly conten-Moreover, they have deaved

the unanimity that once existed within the top leadership on the need for market-oriented reform. The congress is also expected to decide on the post-Deng Xiaoping leadership, which will determine

the nature and course of economic reform for the rest of the century. The jockeying for positions and policies has aiready begun. Radical reformers have initiated a wide-ranging debate on political reform. The current student demonstra-

tions calling for greater political freedom and democracy could not have occurred without some official sanction. Their purpose would be to serve notice to those opposed to reform that demand for further economic and political change among the masses is both widespread and urgent, and failure to accommodate these demands could be explosive. Dangling the carrot of fun-

damental political reform is a high-risk strategy. It may well succeed in consolidating the position of reformers in the party, thereby paving the way for further reforms after the next congress. But it could also lead to a revolution of rising political expectations that the party could find it difficult to satisfy.

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# Beware drunken camels

Hello. As yoo know, this is the festive time of year when we all come back to our home towns to he numbered and taxed so that Caesar Augustus can work out his budget for the coming year, and we of the Bethlebern Police Force are glad to see yoo back again. This is a season of reunions. rejoicing, and exchanging of gifts among people who may not have seen each other for a year, and of course a certaio amount of merrymaking and roistering will be inevitable.

However, we must ask you at this time of the year to exercise restraint over your celebrations. Last year we were called to many late-night parties which had been allowed to get out of hand, and there were regrettably several serious accidents in the early hours. Nobody needs to be reminded, I trust, of the Great Mule Pile-Up on the Nazareth Road, or of the incident which led to one camel getting very drunk indeed and failing down the town well, which was out of action for two weeks

To avoid a repetition of this or any other serious accident, we are taking a strict line this year and introducing a oumber of oew penalties designed to cut down on drunken behaviour. Without going into too many details, let me just mentioo that the punishment execution. I hope this gives some

approaching the problem. For many of you, the situation will not be made easier by the lack of accommodation. With so many temporary visitors to the town available hotel space simply will not stretch, and we realize that more people than we would like will be forced to stay in unsuitable

lodgings, perhaps even sharing

accommodation with animals. May I remind you that the bylaws and housing regulations apply as much to you as anyone, and that our inspectors will be round frequently to spot infringements and impose any on-the-spot fines they may consider necessary - and if young children are being kept in unsuitable conditions, they may have to be taken into care.

At this time of the year, when many strangers are in town, theft is naturally on the increase, and although we do as much as we can to combat it, we also depend on your help and common sense. Many of you last week heipfully reported the presence in our town of three Oriental vagabonds who were suffering from the hallucinatioo that they were either following a star or searching for a baby. A search of their persons revealed the presence of vast quantities of gold, incense and myrrh, which is being held pending further io-

A word to shepherds. Last year much unnecessary distress was caused by shepherds who came into town at the festive period to partake in the jollifications, and

left their flocks behind to suffer. unattended, oo the hillsides. The Samaritans do all they can to help suffering and offer assistance, but unfortunately we are a long way from Samaria, so I suggest that this year shepherds stay where

they are or else.
While in oo way wishing to diminish the enjoyment of this period, the Bethlehem Police recognize that trouble is most likely to start at places of public entertainment and refreshment, and we are therefore ordering the closing-down of all take-away locust and locust-'o'-honey stalls, fast-fig joints, lamburger restaurants, and any licensed premises. We would further like to suggest that you will enjoy this festive period even more if you all stay quietly in your homes and remain there until the holiday season is over.

Finally, as a purely precautionary measure, we wish to have details of the names of all firstborn sons in the area. This iovolves no further action on your part pending more orders from

Well, that's it. Mind how you go, don't drink, walk or ride, and for beaven's sake keep out of our way. Let us, please, have oo further reports of sightings of a mysterious star over Bethlehem, as our force is too stretched at this time of year to investigate such wild rumours.

Otherwise, have a wonderful holiday and see you all again in the New Year. God Save Herod. ine Eu

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# THE CHRISTMAS IMAGINATION

The church has traditionally

disliked the idea of astrology, a

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Star of Bethlehem was a supernova, some a conjuncunn of bright planets - and some, indeed, that those who pursue such theories are refusing to enter into the spirit nf Christmas. As re-enacted in every infant school nativity play over the last few weeks, the birth of an Infant King was signalled to the Magi by the appearance of a star which eventually lead them to Bethlehem where they presented their symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. This calls not for an astronomical hypothesis, but for an exercise

of the imagination. Despite the literalness of the image in Matthew's Gospel of a new star wandering purposefully across the heavens, the better explanation is surely that at least part of the wisdom of the Magi was astrological. How else could they have deduced something so specific from a single point of light?

According to a recent translation, what they said to Herod was: We saw his star as it rose ..." This suggests a skill at divining meaning from heavenly patterns. It is likely that Jewish contemporaries. the sources of the Gospel narrative, knew little or nothing of astrology and could well have misunderstood the account given by the Magi of the

mechanics of their quest. This does not contradict the classical explanation that there was something unusual in the beavens, but it may well have been something not immediately obvious at a glance. It required imaginative interpretation.

strangers to know of the Birth of Christ, and are thus the archetypes of all who have since sought that knowledge. The idea that they were drawn to pay homage at the cribside by their obedience to the insights of a pagan superstition is one which offends the traditional principle of the exclusiveness of Christian truth. But there were no tests of doctrine at the crib. Christmas is the most inclusive of festivals, and the Day is observed by countless millions who would balk at a dogma. There

observing Christmas, only varieties of good reason. Everyone may be his own Magi, following his own star. The secret of the survival of Christmas is not its appeal to the intellect or even to the emotions - it is Easter which makes such appeals to the Christian - but its powerful and seductive effect on the imagination. It is a story, not a theory: one reacts to it as one reacts to art, not science. It is

are, indeed, no bad reasons for

Science, in any event, is a 200d deal less sure than it once was of the rebuke its exactly calculated systems seemed to deliver to the religious

thus less susceptible to modern

scientific scepticism than cer-

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imagination. The twentieth century has seen a gradual retreat from the "imaginable" scientific wnrld-view nf Newtonian physics, and the mind is allowed to boggle at the effirit nf grasping what Relativity, Quantum Mechanics and the rest are trying to say. Though public perceptions of where science has got to are usually half a century out of date, post-Einstein rumours have spread almost everywhere - the rumour being, essentially, that the universe in both its totality and its detail is not reducible to a mental picture. No-one can imagine what an interstellar "black hole" looks like. It has no appearance. There is no longer such a conflict between the religious imagination and the scientific one.

It is an appeal, equally, to the moral imagination. Christmas has an "as if" quality: it is as if we were all kinder and better than we are. And with the excuse of Christmas, we may pretend what we dream: of an end of want; of universal generosity; of peace on earth. An annual transformation of the world into a better one, partly in imagination and partly even in reality, is not bad yearly therapy for a race weary with its own cruelty and indifference.

As Scrooge did not revert to type after tasting the pleasures of philanthropy, so, we all may hope, we will not do so either. And if the world does not seem to be improving itself very quickly as a result of this annual spiritual exercise in benevolence, it may be getting worse more slowly.

# TO MOSCOW, TO MOSCOW...

abroad to travel, and easier for

critics of the regime to make

their views known without

fear of prosecution, some of

the requirements of the Hel-

sinki agreement for which Dr

Sakharov and others fought so

selflessly will have been met.

Moreoever, the Soviet military

presence in Afghanistan - the

issue on which Dr Sakharov

publicly defied the Soviet

leadership seven years ago -

great a problem for the

Gorbachov leadership as it

was for Dr Sakharov seven

years ago. Could it be that it

will yet be resolved to his

All these matters are as yet

uncertain. But it would not be

altogether surprising if the

authorities had calculated that

Dr Sakharov will have less

cause to speak out than he had

in the latter years of Brezhnev.

establishment, however, that

will have expectations of Dr

Sakharov. Through his work

for human rights in the 1970s

and as a figurehead in his exile,

the nuclear scientist became

the honorary patron of scores

of Soviet dissidents. Today's

younger, post-Helsinki dis-

sidents and many Jewish

refuseniks as well, look to Dr

Sakharov for leadership and

support in their conflict with

the Soviet authorities. They

will have been pleased - and

the Soviet authorities

correspondingly displeased -

with his statement at the

Moscow railway station, in

which he called for "freedom

It is not only the Soviet

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The return of Dr Andrei Sakharov to Moscow after seven years of exile in Gorky is the first really hopeful sign to have come from the Soviet Union for many years. Whether it proceeds from a belated recognition on the part of the leadership that Dr Sakharov's banishment was illegal in the first place, or from an awareness of the harm Dr Sakharov's continued persecution has inflicted on the reputation of the Soviet Union and so on its foreign cession by the Kremlin -

Mr Gorbachov has shown the facility to place practical advantages above those of ideological purity before now. Until the release of Dr Sakharov, however, there was no indication that this flexibility would be extended to critics of the regime, especially critics as authoritative as Dr Sakharov wbo could not or would not emigrate. If Dr Sakharov's release is not a prelude to his emigration, however, it poses risks - both for the Kremlin and for himself.

The change of attitudes in the Kremlin over the past two vears means that some of Dr Sakharov's views are no longer quite so iconoclastic or subversive as they were before. In the 1970s, the eminent physicist was concerned about the uses to which Soviet scientific research was being put. If - like the Americans - the Soviet Union is now proceeding in the direction of strategic defence, rather than offence, some of Dr Sakharov's objections may have been an-

Further, if - as has been for everyone" and described hinted - it becomes easier for Afghanistan as "the most painthose with close relatives ful part of our foreign policy."

But many of them - religious fundamentalists. Orthodox Jews, and nationalists - embrace causes which cannot be possibly be accommodated within the Soviet regime. Others have become, through their suffering and their struggle with the authorities, more uncompromising than they were when Dr Sakharov started his work. They want no truck with the Communist Party authorities they believe not a word they say. For these dissidents, little short of another revolution will do, and the sooner the better.

If Dr Sakharov returns to Moscow not only physically, but also intellectually, he will find the dissident movement greatly altered. While he may be able to resume his work and criticise from within the system, many of the new dissenters have rejected it entirely. Dr Sakharov will thus be confronted with a choice - a choice which could jeopardize his freedom on the one hand and his role as patron of the human rights movement on

the other. Andrei Sakharov has never disguised his views for the sake of conformity, nor has he pretended to be an easy man to deal with. In his first statement after receiving news of his imminent release, he said he intended to speak out as before. This will be both easier and more difficult in Mr Gorbachov's Russian than it was when he fell foul of the authorities a decade ago.

# FOURTH LEADER

Battered by turbulence. numbed by the cnld, deafened by engine noise, their tempers stretched beyond endurance by fatigue, they finally reached home last night - hungry, dogtired but triumpbant. Mr and Mrs Smith had done their Christmas shopping.

"Ob" groaned Mrs Smith as she sank into a luke-warm bath (the boiler having given up for Advent), "What would I not give for a round-the-world cruise, with no kitchen tn clean, or carpets to Hoover, meals to get ready or crockery tn wash. Just a flight booked for two, far away from it all..."

Now there are those who might disagree with this. But it is at least arguable that the couple whn have had the best idea this year are Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, who dropped nut of society nine days ago, returning to find the turkey in the microwave and the festive spirit simmering.

Their Voyager aircraft, which has filled many an airpocket on under-subscribed news pages this month, touched down in the Mnjave Desert vesterday - to a hero's British Airways, PanAm and

welcome and a message from the President. Their names are already being compared with those of Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart or, no doubt, with Amy Johnson, Alcock and Brown and the Wright Brothers.

This is all very well. But Messieurs and Mesdames Lindbergh. Earhart, Johnson, Bleriot and Wright did actually do something useful. As nne flies to France nr Washington, to Sydney or wherever. one can reflect (in between giving up The Times crossward and doing much the same with the in-flight mnvie) on thuse brave pioneers who did it without the benefit even of a drinks trolley.

Had they not tried out the alternative, we would still be taking the best part of a week to reach New York in the leisurely, not to say luxurious, ambience of the Mauretania or the QE2. Some might accordingly think it something of a pity that the frontiers of science were not left where they were. But some concessinns must be made in the interests of an accelerated lifestyle, and

the rest have done their best to make time travel fairly tol-

What Mr Rutan and Ms Yeager have proved, however, is that you can travel round the world in extreme discomfort on one tank of fuel. That is no doubt very interesting, but who in his right mind would want to do so when oil is so plentiful and cheap (at least it was when Voyager took off)? There are no dnubt occasions (for instance, on finding nneself with a leaking engine halfway across the Atlantic) when memory of Voyager's trip would be a consoling one. But those occasions are few and tend to apply to jumbo ets, whose resemblance to Voyager is like that nf an ocean liner tn the late White Cru-

sader. The only explanation we can plausibly hazard is that they wanted to get away for Christmas. The shopping trips to Bloomingdale's and Macy's, the office parties, the hangovers, the crowded streets, the complete absence of taxis, the bills....Yes, it might be worth flying round the world to avoid all that

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Research effort imperilled

From the Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute
Sir, The cancellation of the Nimrod AEWS (airborne early warning system) highlights an alarming situation with regard to the fund-ing and success of research and development in the UK. In contrast to civil R & D spending, which has diminished in recent years and will continue to decline to the end of the decade, according to the Government's own forecast (Annual Review of Government Funded Research and Development) the military share, already at 51 per cent (and greater than almost any other Western nation) is set to increase by up to 6 per

cent in the next two years.

That a project such as Nimrod should fail to meet its technological goals after the injection of the order of £900million raises the serious question of the accountability and cost-effectiveness of much military development visà-vis the civil sector.

This emharrassing failure comes at a time when the research councils are unable to support many alpha-rated proposals and universities are being instructed to cul ever deeper into the research base of their departments of physical science and technology, aiready weakened from several years of under-funding.

It should not be forgotten that the universities are the traditional breeding ground of innovation and the focus for the training of new minds. Unless there is a reordering of the balance in spending between the accepted req-uirements of defence research and the necessary support of civil centres of R & D - the universities - Britain's future competitiveness in the prosecution of basic science as well as its commercial application will continue to be rapidly and effectively extinguished.

Yours sincerely, D. J. DREWRY, Director, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, Lensfield Road, Cambridge. December 19.

#### Sunday racing

From the Chairman of the Na-tional Council on Gambling Sir, The evidence for the suggestion that Sunday racing without Sunday off-course betting (report, December 10) will lead to a significant increase in illegal bet-

ting is very flimsy.
The last Royal Commission on :Gambling pointed out in 1978 that "the (racing) industry is today bopelessly addicted to subsidy In spite of all the changes that have taken place since the royal commission reported, this is still

The real link between Sunday racing and Sunday off-course bet-This is the contribution that the punter is obliged to make to racing. Obviously, the intention behind Sunday off-course betting is to increase the amount of the levy. This can only be achieved if the total amount of money staked is increased.

It would be most undesirable if the financial viability of racing was improved at the cost of an increase in "compulsive" gambling. Yours faithfully, E. MORAN, Chairman,

The National Council on Gambling, 26 Bedford Square, WC1.

#### Odds-on chance From Mr Andrew Rayner

Sir, I recently encountered more serious taxi odds than apply to Mrs Welchman (December 17) merely getting the same cah to Putney twice in a week.

Though one seldom shares a taxi with a stranger, the other day two of us thought we had secured the same can in Berkeley Square. It was rush hour and raining, we found we were both going west, so

in we got.
"Where to?" said I. "South
Kensington". "The address?" Onslow Gardens was the reply. "What number?" She told me.

It was my destination, too, though the other flat in the house. Yours faithfully, ANDREW RAYNER, 8 Tite Street, SW3.

# Fortune's favours

From the Reverend P. W. Leitch Sir, It is gratifying to find Fortune magazine thinking so highly of ministers in the Church. The mailing shot I received tells me they have searched "only our prime lists" and found my name among the Chairmen, V.P.s,

investors and husiness executives. They offer me their Most Valuable Package, comprising their Executive Organiser, Investor's Guide and up to 60 per cent off the subscription price. I will also acquire knowlege about what's happening in my industry, new sales techniques and management practices that get results.
It must be Christmas.

PETER LEITCH (Assistant Curate, Newsome and

Armitage Bridge), 6 Berry View, Newsome, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

The antepenultimate paragraph in yesterday's third leading article should have read:
Mr John Major, the junior Minister at the DHSS, has cited figures to suggest that the six per cent by which benefits have outstripped prices since 1979 accounts for the enure increase in the number of people with incomes below supplementary benefit livels and for half the increase in those at or below supplementary benefit levels since

# Evil — and problem of judging it

From Mr Norman Gunton
Sir, It is unfortunate that the
prestige of Oxford University and
Balliol College is attached to Wilfred Beckerman's article in your centre page of December 17, The problem of judging evil".

He says that our freedom to choose between good and evil is an illusion; that "it is not your fault that you are a monster"; that the suffering in this world is the product of our genenic and environmental characteristics, for neither of which are we morally responsible; that we are robots. He advances no evidence, but says "we know" that acts we abhor are the result of "specific abnormality in [people's] chromosomes".

This is not just nonsense — it is evil. He had a choice and has

written it large to condone, as personal destiny, self-indulgence and the pursuit of evil. Belief in his words would end personal effort to distinguish between good and evil, effort to build the habit of choosing good and effort to contribute, hy good example, to the environmental influences on human behaviour.

We do have choice and this includes legal recognition of diminished responsibility. We can improve. We can repent. We can forgive. We can repair. We can teach. Moral disabiliries, like physical disabilities, respond best to good example and sensitive encouragement to personal effort. It is very important that the young and those of us who err receive simple, clear messages of

self-responsibility and hope and for Mr Beckerman's excuses to be rejected as evil counsel. Yours faithfully, NORMAN GUNTON, 5 Cole Road. Twickenham, Middlesex.

December 18. From the Reverend Canon I.G.D.

Dunlop Sir, Mr Beckerman declares unequivocally that man is "a form of infinitely variable robot," his actions totally determined by his genes and his environment: that freedom of the will is an "illusion" and the passing of moral judgements therefore an "absurdity"

He then proceeds to blunder straight into the well known trap which awaits all determinists - he goes on to pass moral judgement on those who are studid or ignorant enough to pass moral judgements and implies that the world would be a better place if they would only desist.

But, by his own admission, he can only be saying what he says

#### Hospitals in need From Dr F. J. C. Millard and Dr R. E. Millord

Sir. We would like to draw your attention to the plight of the rural bospitals in South Africa, caused by the policy of withdrawal and ostracism towards that country.

The majority of these hospitals were founded by missionaries and serve remote and poor commu-nities. South Africa has never produced enough doctors, black or white, to staff these hospitals and they have depended on a long tradition of expatriate doctors, mostly from this country and also from western Europe and the United States.

One such hospital is the Jane Furse Memorial Hospital in Sekhukhuniland, now part of the homeland of Lebowa. The hospital was founded in 1921 by Michael Furse, Bishop of Pretoria and subsequently Bishop of St Albans, and is known locally as Thaba ea Thuso, or Hill of Help.

This year no suitable doctors have applied to work at Jane Furse and this month the last three British doctors will be returning home, leaving one elderly African doctor to care for 400 parients. It is said that the collapse of

such institutions will hasten political change. This seems likely. What is certain is that more children will die of gastroenteritis and measles, more women will die

# Claybury plan

From the Chairman of the Waltham Forest Health Authority Sir, Mr John Burrell's ideas for turning Claybury Hospital into a hilltop town (Spectrum, Decem-ber 16) are imaginative and interesting. However, there is a danger that the scheme will perpetuate the model of institutionalised care which we are at last beginning to break down. John Burrell's ideas represent a

very different philosophy: the essence of our plans for enabling mentally ill people to return to the community is that they will live nearer to relatives and friends.

The presence of 300 places, with secluded "airing courts", for long-stay patients in a hilltop town is likely to rekindle old - out of sight out of mind - attitudes among the patients' friends and relatives Waltham Forest Health Authority intends to house people with a chronic mental illness in

smaller, purpose-built or adapted houses near their home area. The transfer of patients to the commnnity will be handled carefully and sensitively. No one will move until the right kind of accom-modation is ready. As for the future of the Claybury

Hospital site itself, my health authority and the North East Thames Regional Health Authority will ensure that the proceeds from the sale of the land and huildings bring very clear and tangihle benefits to the Naussia Health Service and its users. V. A. DERRY, Chairman.

Waltbam Forest Health Authority, PO Box 13. Claybury Hall, Woodford Green, Essex.

December 16.

# because he is programmed to say it

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(and not because it is "true" - if that word has any meaning). He appears not to be so programmed as to be capable of understanding that those who differ from him are merely programmed to do so.

I am so programmed as to

wonder how he is programmed to answer me.
I am programmed to be, Sir, Yours faithfully, IAN DUNLOP,

24 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire. December 17.

From Mr Noël Oswald Sir, Many arrows could perhaps be shot at Mr Beckerman's article, but I will here content myself with one or two.

How does he explain the fact that, so strongly and so consistently, human beings feel responsible for their actions (if they do not, are they not called "psychopaths"?), and that they want to be more than robots?

How is it that the same person can behave so differently on separate occasions in situations so similar as to be virtually indistinguishable? And if what Mr Beckerman says is true, what does it matter if murderers do destroy the rest of us?

Of course, for the Christian, it is enough that the Bible, as the authoritative revelation of God, while not claiming that heredity and environment are irrelevant, declares that human beings are responsible for their deeds. Yours sincerely, NOEL OSWALD, 2 Church End,

Panfield, Braintree, Essex.

From Dr Geoffrey Soden Sir, Mr Beckerman and Si Augustine would seem to agree: "hate the sin, but love the sinner". But they reach the same destination by very different roads.

St Augustine knew nothing of genes and ignored environment; he would never have admitted that people are not responsible for their own acts and do not have the power to choose (however lim-

Mr Beckerman's doctrine is a direct invitation to commit the "sins that one's inclined to hy damning those one has no mind

I remain, Sir, your obedient GEOFFREY SODEN. Buck Brigg, Hanworth. Norwich, Norfolk, December 18.

in obstructed labour, typhoid and tuberculosis will not be treated, and more old people will remain blind because there is no one to remove their cataracts. There will be less help from the

Hill this Christmas. Yours faithfully, F. J. C. MILLARD, R.E. MILLARD, 4 Vineyard Hill Road, SW19.

# **Keeping treasures**

From Lord Perth Sir, Sir Arthur Drew (December 18) advocates more money for the National Heritage Memorial Fund to enable it to save for this country such treasures as the Middleham pendant. Should we not also go further

back and examine the workings of treasure trove? I understand that on the unearthing of the Middleham pendant there was an enquiry and it was decided that treasure trove rules did not in this case apply. A review of these ancient rules seems called for to ensure that such findings are in fact covered by treasure trove

At the same time the rights of the operators of metal detectors should equally be reviewed to include such questions as the interests of archaeology. Yours truly. PERTH, House of Lords. December 18.

#### **Images of Brent** From the Reverend John Root

Sir, I have been an Anglican clergyman in Brent for 12 of the past 18 years and find that descriptions of the borough in The Times and other newspapers are becoming increasingly unrecognisable. Both the inhabitants of Brent

and the readers of The Times deserve something better than the unquestioning repetition of ex-Councillor Lacey's tendentious views (Spectrum, December 15). Did it really need the 1981 census to tell Ken Livingstone that a lot of Irish people lived in Kilburn? On what grounds is ex-Conncillor Ambrosine Neill the "genuine voice of the Afro-Caribbean people"? Where and when did 'our churches" tell West Indians to find iron buts in which to start their own churches?

Amidst Brent's present travails it is worth remembering that during the 1981 riots The Times listed Brent as an area ripe for violence - presumably because of the statistics that it has a considerably higher proportion of people from ethnic minorities than any other local authority in the country. There were no riots here then, nor have there been at any other time. Surely Brent's record of reasonably harmonious community relations deserves respect rather than scorn.

That record may not survive the ily of the present council, hut mor will it be helped by ill-informed derision from without. Yours sincerely, JOHN ROOT.

St James's Vicarage, 34 Stanley Avenue, Alperton, Middlesex. December 15.



ON THIS DAY DECEMBER 24 1791

The following account of a meeting in early spring suggests that the unknown author took a long time to write or the Editor a long time to print it. But it has a warmth appropriate to Christmas Eve

#### [THE NOSEGAY]

It was in the month of April when as I was walking one morning along St. James's street, I was addressed by a young woman, who in a gentle and persuasive tone of voice, entreated me to buy a nosegay of her; and, as she framed her petition, she opened a small band-box, which she carried under her arm, and discovered half-adozen bouquets, composed of flow ers which were not yet in season Though she was very pretty, and I was going to pay a visit to Lady B—I had resolved to purchase one before I had considered the beauty of the girl, or recollected that the

vernal offspring would make my visit to Lady B—more gracious. . . . I do declare, in the awful name of truth, thet I have seldom experienced an higher degree of satisfaction than when I put two half-crowns into the damsel's hand, and received, with the nosegay, a curtsey and a look of acknowledgement which were worth more than I could bestow upon her. . .

Having received the flowers, and purchased a sheet of writing paper to prevent their freshness from being affected by the warmth of my hand, I proceeded on my way in perfect good humour with myself, and of course with all the world; when, as I was crossing a small Court, I was almost stunned with the vociferous exclamation of a man, who with a loudness that quite pierced my ears, was crying his rabbits, some of which he hed hanging upon each end of a pole that balanced on his shoulder. The singular cry of the man drew my attention, and I immediately ob served, that my nosegay had attracted his. As I drew nearer to him his eyes seemed to rivet themselves to the flowers, and when I raised them to my head to enjoy their fragrance, he raised his eyes also. When I had passed him, I could not refrain from looking back to see whether this extraordinary attention was continued, when observed that he was following me

I therefore stood still, and as he

approached me, he cried out, may God in Heaven bless you, and never wound your heart with the sorrows that afflict mine. I perceive honest friend, said I, that the benevolence of thy wish arises from a deep sense of thy own misery, what may it be? Ales, Sir, answered he, those flowers, I believe would restore my Jenny to life, she has talked of nothing but roses all this morning, and I think the smell of them might do her good. Do, Sir! for the sake of Heaven give them to me! who knows but they may revive her; if not, I will strew the over her grave. I instantly put the nosegay into his hand, he thanked me with a tear, and hastened towards the street. I pursued his steps, not knowing whither I went

after some time he entered an bouse, and when he had given his rabbits to a girl of about 14 years of age who sat weeping at the bottom of the stairs, I followed him into a small room, where a woman lay, in a bed without curtains, and, to all appearance, entirely senseless. An old nurse sat hy the bed side, and was flapping the flies from off the sick persons face with a feather. As the poor man entered the room, have flowers for thee, my Jenny, said he; thou did'st call for rose this morning, and heaven has sent thee some to comfort and refresh thee. He then kneeled down by the bed, — held the flowers to her nose put them into her hand, and ther laid them upon her bosom, and after fetching a deep sigh, he kissed her. Dear heart, said the nurse, she did indeed rave this morning, and talk of flowers and roses, but the poor soul will never speak again the hand of death is upon her.

... l therefore left the melan choly scene, and had traverse many streets before I awoke from the deep impressions which it made upon my spirits. I then tried to measure back my way, but it was a vain attempt. On the next day I returned with a friend, but notwithstanding all our industry, we could not discover this poor fellow's habitation. I then employed a person to watch in the Court where I first saw him for whole week together; but this endeavour was also fruitless, and I cannot drive from me the melanholy apprehension, that when he had lost his Jenny, he had lost his enses or is eince dead.

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On the 5th inst. at Vienna Wolfgang Mozart, the celebrate German [sic] composer.

On Monday last, at Birming ham, in consequence of the wound he received some time since from pistol discharged by the pretended Duke of Ormond, Mr. Wallis, jun (all of his front teeth had been driven into the back part of his neck, most of which were extracted, but a mortification took place and terminated his existence

# Nature's bounty

From Mrs R. A. Raby Sir. Yesterday afternoon I spotted a good-sized mushroom growing under a plane tree beside the pavement outside Holland Park Station. I picked it and ate it for my supper. Surely the location and time of

vear for this find can only merit a letter to The Times? Yours faithfully, ANN RABY, 3 Holland Park Mews, W11. December 11.

# **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE December 23: The Hon Mary Marrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen. **CLARENCE HOUSE** 

December 23: Lady Angela Os-wald has succeeded Lady Elizabeth Basset as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queeo

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alexandra celebrate their birthdays on Christmas day.

The Hoo Mrs Richard Bethell gave birth to a son on December 21.

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Norman Laurence Franklin will be held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, no Tuesday, January 27, 1987, at noon, Fur further information contact The Institution of Chemical Engineers, (0788) 78214.

Sir Dallas and Lady Bernard wish all their friends a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. They will oot be sending cards this year as they are moving from 7 Cresswell Gardens, SW5, to 8 Eaton Place,

**Birthdays** 

TODAY: Sir Denis Allen, 76; Mr Noel Carrington, 96; Mr Cnlin Cowdrey, 54; Brigadier Dame Barbara Cozens, 80; Sir Gerald Elliot, 63; Mr Nichnlas Fairbairn, QC, MP, 53; Mr E. Fernyhough, 78; Sir Staffind Foster-Sutton, QC, 88; Dame Joan Kelleher, 71; Sir Noel Moynihan, 70; Miss Thea Porter, 59; Mr J. D. Taylor, MP, 49; Viscount Thurso, 64; Mr Philip Ziegler, 57. and Miss C.M.J. Green
The engagement is announced
between Christopher, younger
son of the late Mr R. C. Botsford Islington, London, and Caro-line, elder daughter of Mr and

CHRISTMAS DAY: Lord Annan, 70; Baroness Berners, 85; Miss S. J. Browne, 62; Mr Andrew Cruickshank, 79; Mr Kenny Everett, 42; Lord Grade, 80: Sir Peter Matthews, 69: Mr tsmail Merchant, 50; Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe, 75; Professor Noel Odell, 96; Sir Geoffrey Organe, 78; Mr Nigel Starmer-Smith, 42,

BOXING DAY: Mr Patrie 72: Mr Alastair Dunnett, 78; Baroness Faithfull, 76; Miss Ireoe Handl. 84; Sir Chrisinpher Hewetson, 57; Professor Thea King, 61; Miss Jane Lapotaire, 42; Mr T. K. Lyle, 83; Mr Denis Quilley, 59; Sir Mark Tennant, 75.

#### University news London LSE

The following have been elected fellows: Lord Dainton, FRS. Chancellor of Sheffield University: Profes-sor Harold C Edey, Professor Emeritus of Accouoting, LSE; Professor Emest A Gellner, Professor of Social Anthropol-ogy, Cambridge University; Sir Eric Sharp, chairman and chief executive of Cable and Wireless Trade Cnuncil; Mr Eric Sosnow, formerly chairman. United City Merchants plc; Dr Urquidi, former president of El Colegio de Mexico. Queen Mary College

Appointments



Mr Michael Heseltine, MP. who has been elected to an honorary fellowship at Pembroke College, Oxford.

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# Read all about it.

We all know what the professional critics read or claim to read – for pleasure, but what about the men and women with real influence? We asked Kenneth Baker and Fred Jarvis, Frances Morrell and Ray Honeyford, Dennis Potter and Russell Hoban, Simon Rattle and Victoria Wood (and others) to say what they had most enjoyed reading this year.

In The Times Educational Supplement this week.

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# Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.F. Sykes and Miss L.J. Stephenson The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Sir Richard Sykes and Lady Sykes, of Wilsford-cum-Lake, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Laura, younger daughter of Sir Joho and the Hon Lady Stephenson, of Doneraile Street, London.

Mr S.P. Arnstein

Cheshire.

Mr I.W. Baharie and Dr C. Beatty

Mr G.J. Bernier

Mrs R. J. Green, of Sanderstead,

The engagement is announced between Don, nnly soo nf Flight-Lieutenant and Mrs D. K. J. Cardy, nf Cambridge, and

Sue, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Evans, of Glyn Garth,

Mr J. Chenery and Miss C.A. Smith The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and

Mrs J. T. Chenery, of Chelstield,

Kent, and Carolyn Ann, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs D. S. Smith,

of Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.

Mr D.L.N. Cardy

Isle of Anglesey.

and Miss S.M. Evans

and Miss A. Burton

The engagement is annunced

between Sven, soo of Mr L. Arnstein, of Amersham,

and Miss J. Read Mr M.A. Addicott and Miss M.E. Edge

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Crawford, The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and of Alwoodley, Leeds, and Janine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Addicott, of Mrs Graham Read, of Carlton, Highcliffe, Dorset, and Marian, Nottingham. second daughter of the late Mr Tony Edge and of Mrs Maeve Edge, of Ashtead, Surrey.

North London.

and Miss J.L. Holden

The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of the

late Mr D. J. B. Cockshutt and

Mrs W. E. K. Cockshutt, of Winchester, Hampshire, and

Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. E. Holden, nf Whetstone,

Mr J.H. Dickson and Miss A.S. Hettiaratchy The engagement is announced

betweeen Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John P. Dickson, of Neatham, Sleeper's Hill, Winchester, and Ashanti, elder daughter of Dr and Dr Mrs Sidney W. Hettiaratchy, of Robin's Hill, Oliver's Battery Road North, Winchester.

Buckinghamshire, and Mrs E.
A. Arnstein, of Watford,
Hertfordshire, and Amanda,
youngest daughter of Mr and
Mrs A. W. Burton, of Bowdon, Mr C.H. Dobree and Miss L.A. String
The engagement is announced
between Charles Hatherley, el-

der son of Mr and Mrs J. H.
Dobree, of Regents Park,
London, and Lesley Anne, eldest daughter of the late J. D.
Stirling and nf Mrs R. Stirling, The engagement is announced between lan, only son of Mr Walter Baharie, OBE, and Mrs Baharie, and Cynthia, nnly daughter of Dr and Mrs David of Clopton, Suffolk. Mr J.M. Ferguson and Dr V.M.G. Ambrose The engagement is announced

between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs K. S. Ferguson, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Veron-ica, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs G. C. Ambrose, of Woking, The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. A. Barnier, of Sydney. New South Wales, Australia, and Carole, unity daughter of Mrs B. Cole and the late Mr S. E. Cole of Wightle Surrey. Mr C.J. Gles

and Miss C.S.A. Bruce The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr late Mr S. F. Cole, of Wimble-don, London. and Mrs J. S. Glen, of Worcester, and Christine, daughter of the late Mr J. MeN. Bruce and Mrs M. Bruce, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Mr.K.J. Harriss and Miss D-A. Turner
The eogagement is announced between Keith, youngest son of the late Mr C. J. Harriss and Mrs E. Harriss, of Harlow, Essex, and Delyth-Ano, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. F. Turner, of Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.

Mr P. Haydn Slater and Miss S.H. Mason The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. B. Haydn Slater, of Sydney, Australia, and Sarah Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. J. Mason, of Manor House, Leoehwick, Wonvestershire

Mr A.J. Holroyd and Miss I, Cummins The engagement is announced between Alan, only son of Mr and Mrs A. Holroyd, and Isabelle, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. D. Cummins, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire,

and Miss J.C. Stern The engagement is announced between Ross, son of Mr J.A. Hunter and Mrs A.G. Hunter, of Maldoo, Essex, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs David

Mr B. Hatton and Miss P.N. Sivewright The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr and Mrs William Huttoo, Lansdowne Park, Scorrier, Cornwall, and Pammy, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs Charles Sivewright, Talland House, South Cerney,

Stern, of Hampstead.

Cirencester. Mr J.D. McCafferty nd Miss R. Purswani The engagement is announced between James, only son of Dr and Mrs J.D. McCafferty, of

Islington, London, and Radha, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Purswani, of Norbury, London. Mr T.J. McKenna and Miss C.B. Petersen

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Robert and Noreen McKenna, of Chantilly, Virginia, United States, and Christine, daughter of Erik and Lisbeth B. Petersen, of Mr C.M. Milan and Miss J.L. Machell

The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Milan, of Limpsfield Chart, and Jane Liza, only daughter of Mr Godfrey Machell and Mrs Pa-tricia Machell, of Wallington, Surrey. Mr J.S. Miller

and Miss C.J. Panil The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Reginald Miller, of Shipley, West Yorkshire, and Caroline Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Paull, of Wembury, near

Mr D. Palmer and Miss T. Parkin The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs J. Palmer, Bolsover, Chesterfield, and Theress, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. P. Parkin, of Norwood,

Mr R.B. Pinsker and Miss F. Sheil The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son nf Mr and Mrs W. J. G. Pinsker, nf Bedford, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Sheil, of Killiney, Co Dublin, Republic

Mr P. Rogers-Column and Miss F.H. Thompson The engagement is annunced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Rogers-Coltman, of The Home, Bishnps-Castle, Shropshire, and Finna, elder daughter of the late Mr Peter Thompson and Mrs Peter Thompson, of Astley Farm, Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

Mr M.P. St Aubyn and Miss A.E. Lumley The engagement is announced between Michael, soo of the late Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Geoffier St Aubyn, and nephew of Major and Mrs Thomas St Aubyn, of Dairy House, Ashford Hill, Newbury,

Mr J. St Johnston and Miss E.D.M. Lyon The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Kerry St Johnston, of The Downs Barn, Frampton Mansell. Gloucestershire, and Mrs Judy St Johnston, of 46 Markham Street, Chelsea, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Lyon, of Collierswood Farm,

and Astrid, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Lumley, of Round-

wood, Windlesham, Surrey.

Mr R. Skeels and Miss M. Goding

The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Skeeks, of London, SW9, and Maureen, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. C. Godiog, of Broxhourne, Hertfordshire.

Mr G.T.M. Steer and Miss A. Russell The engagement is annumed between Timothy, eldest soo of the late Mr George Steer and of Mrs Steer, nf Fulham, SW6, and Andrea, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Tom Russell, of Barbican, EC2.

Mr C.E. Toomey, RM, and Miss S. Joynson The engagement is announced between Charles, soo of Mr and Mrs Brian Toomey, of Spaxion, Somerset, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert B. Juyusun, of Snuthwell, Nottinghamshire.

Mr R.N. Watts and Miss S.J. Madden The engagement is announced between Roger, only son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Watts, and Shelagh, second daughter of Dr and Mrs T. B. Madden, both of vestry, Shropshire.

Mr R.J. Westley and Miss J.S. Guest
The engagement is announced
between Richard Westley,
Royal Welch Fusiliers, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Westley.

and Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. B. Guest, of Stourbridge, West Midlands. Marriage Mr J.M. Barran

and Miss D. de Bosdari
The marriage took place on
Wednesday, December 12, in
London, between Mr Julian
Barran, second soo of Sir David and Lady Barran, and Miss Diana de Bosdari, daughter of Mrs Cosmo de Bosdari and the late Mr Cosmo de Bosdari.

# Science report

# Soviet search for life in space

By Andrew Wiseman

Using the world's largest optical telescope, Soviet sci-incides with the publication of natural laser radiation exist in entists have begun to look for The Search for Extraterrestrial evidence of intelligent life in Intelligence Listening for life A group of astronomers are McDonough, an astro-which possible sources of radi-working with Dr Viktor physicist, and lecturer in en- ation to focus their telescope. at the Califo Institute of Technology.

Shyartsman at the special astrophysical observatory of the Soviet Union's Academy of Sciences, in the Caucasus. which is - for the first time in the history of astronomical research - trying to locate laser signals of extra-terrestrial

extraterrestrial intelligence by the American SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) project involves scan-ning the heavens with the "ears" of giant radio telescopes.

But according to Soviet press reports, the Russian astro-physicists decided to concentrate on optical astronomy and laser beams, convinced there was no point studying the limited opportu-nities provided by the radio spectrum as a possible source of messages. They argued that any civilisation more advanced than ours would use a high density information channel provided by the laser beam of light to communicate with other planets.

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W H Taylor.

Before reviewing the most recent evidence on the presence of other intelligent life and the schemes to detect it, He traces the fascination and beliefs by earth-bound mortals for hundreds of years of the existence of other beings ing the stars.

Dr McDonough believes intelligence probably exists, and there is a good chance pf detecting it before the end of the century.

But Soviet scientists admit

that existing equipment makes it impossible for earth bound researchers to join a "hypothetical inter-stellar laser dialogue", but claim their six metre optical telescope could overhear such "conversations" if they took place. So far, the Soviet team has

not identified any laser pulses originating from space. They also concede that it would not necessarily prove the existence of some form of extra-terrestrial intelligence.
But they believe that con-

Christmas services

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parts of the universe. in the Cosmos by Dr Thomas the Russians, was to agree oo

The first problem faced by After discussion they decided that stars in the same spectral class as the sun could turn out to be the habitats of unknown civilisation. They have chosen representative samples for their experiments, all of them 65 light years away from us.

The success of the Soviet programme depends on a num-ber of assumptions, the most important is that the level of knowledge available to the "extra-terrestrial intellectnals" is only slightly ahead of ours. Another, that they have worked out how to send short, powerful laser pulses at the precise moment when a star is capable of receiving it.

Because the speed at which information is sent through the optical range of electro magnetic waves is very great, it is believed that one laser transmitter could, within a period of 24 hours, be in contact with millions of stars in our galaxy.

The Search For Extraterrestrial Intelligence, Published by John Wiley, £16.50.

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Blessing of the Card. Messe de minuii (Charperine): 1. 11.50 pm HM. Missa Sancti Nicala Glaydin: 7.50. 11.50 10.11.50 pm Middigni 11.150. 11.50 pm Middigni Nedec. SW7: 11.30 pm Middigni Nedec. Mariazallermeses (Haydin: Hallerleich Chorus (Haldill: 7.8.9.10.2.250, 4.80 LM: 11 NM. Coronation Mass (Mozard): Masses Mass

ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 12 Midnight Mass, Missa Martyrum

(Bonfitto).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensinghar: 11:30 pm Carols and Procession to Crib: 12 pm Mednight Mass. BVM (Golier). Adeste ficies: tiradi: 8, 9, 10. 12:30 LM: 11 HM. Mass "L'hore passa" (Vladana). O magnum nysterium (Byrd).

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WESTMINSTER CHAPEL Buckts

# The Soviet exploration co- ditions capable of producing

Primate of Brazil, died on December 19 at the age of 74. He was born on June 13, 1912, in Vicosa in North-east Brazil. After a seminary eduin 1935, subsequently becoming professor and spiritual director of the diocesan semi-

nary at Aracaju. In 1946 he was consecrated Bishop of Petrolina, where he introduced pioneer agrarian reforms which led to better conditions for the farmers of diocesan-held land, as well as better output.

In 1965 he was made Archbishop of Teresina, a diocese which, too, felt the benefit of his pioneering spirit. Besides agrarian reform he set up twenty social centres, where people could meet for instruction and discussion. He also established one of the early church radio stations in Bra-

In 1971 Vilela became

#### PROFESSOR GEORGE TREASE Professor George Trease,

Professor of Pharmacognosy at Nottingham University from 1957 to 1967, died on December 18, at the age of 84. He was head of the pharmacy department from 1944. George Edward Trease was

born on July 8, 1902, and educated at Nottingham High School and the London College of Pharmacy. His specialst study was pharmacognosy, a discipline devoted to the study of those plant materials used in medical practice, and he was made lecturer in the subject at University College, Nottingham, in 1926.

During the early part of the war he was seconded to the Ministry of Economic Warfare. In 1945 he became reader retirement to Devon he purin pharmacognosy at Notting-

#### MR MAURICE HANDFORD Sir Thomas Armstrong writes: never assumed control of one

ary December 18) was struck down by illness just as he was reaching his full maturity. Older people will remember him as a great horn-player in the Halle Orchestra under Barbirolli, who urged him to seek a career as a conductor and gave him ungrudging support when he did. It was from Barbirolli that

Handford learnt a wide repertory and the techniques of rehearsal and concert-conducting: much of "glorious John's"own style and method survived in his pupil, and I can testify that Barbirolli reearded Handford as his natural successor.

Handford's experience after about 1965 became comprehensive and international, and it is to be regretted that he

Veteran public servant and link with the British Raj

SIR GILBERT LAITHWAITE

**OBITUARY** 

manent Under-Secretary of

lations, died on December 21.

ern Front and was wounded.

After a short time on special

duty at the War Office, he

iomed its permanent estab-

secretary to the Permanent

Under-Secretary of State in

1922. He was then seconded to

the India Office to accompany

Lord Winterton, junior minis-

of the Franchise Committee

under R. A. Butler, which

toured the sub-continent in

1932, and of the Indian De-

When Lord Linlithgow went to New Delhi as Viceroy

in 1936, he chose Laithwaite

to be his principal private secretary. Those were days of

brief tour of India.

London in 1931.

latter half of 1935.

He was 92.

Laithwaite identified himthe Viceroy of India, Ambas-policies of his master, Indeed, sador to the Republic of there were some in the Gov-State for Commonwealth Re- which was, rather, a protective of

John Gilbert Laithwaite was was relieved of much detailed born on July 5, 1894, into a paperwork and interviews. Lancastrian Roman Catholic But even Laithwaite's stronfamily. He was educated at gest critics on that score he was deputy under-secre-Clongowes and at Trinity acknowledged his great abilitary, and there was the certain College, Oxford, of which he ty, his fairness and his grasp of was a scholar, and later an prohlems. Returning with Linlithgow honorary fellow. In the First World War he in 1943, he resumed work at the India Office as acting joined the 10th Lancashire Fusiliers, served on the West-

assistant permanent undersecretary, until appointed under-secretary to the War Cabinet, and secretary to the Commonwealth ministerial meeting in London, in 1945.

lishment, becoming private Then, as deputy undersecretary for Burma (1945-47) he paid two visits to Rangoon and had a formative share in the negotiations leading to Burmese independence at the ter in the department, on a beginning of 1948.

In the autumn of 1923 he He next became deputy under-secretary of the Com-monwealth Relations Office, was made assistant private secretary to Lord Peel, who had succeeded Edwin Monta-gu at the India Office. After further service there he was and was one of the official secretaries of the conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London in 1948. personally attached to the Prime Minister, Ramsay Mac-Donald at the second Indian Round Table Conference in

In the following year he was chosen to succeed Lord Rugby as UK representative in Ireland - ambassador from 1950. Two important secretaryships followed, that A friendly manner and a sense of humour, together with his staunch Roman Catholic faith, made him very much at home in Duhlin society, and he was given an honorary limitation Committee in the doctorate hy Duhlin University.

In the spring of 1951 he was sent as High Commissioner to Pakistan, where he was already on terms of friendship growing political tension in with members of the governthe country, following the passage of the India Act of leaders.

1935, and with provincial autonomy in 1937 imminent.

Although the first surge of iotense hitterness between In-

The strains and stresses dia and Pakistan had now were much increased by the spent itself, the two outstandapproach of war. The Viceroy ing grounds of their dissenhad in his private secretary a sion, the future of Kashmir Laithwaite was as precise in had in his private secretary a sion, the future of Kashmir Laithwaite was as precise in worker as hard and steadfast and the distribution of the manner as in administration. as himself, and it was greatly canal waters of the Punjab, to Linithgow's credit, which Laithwaite deserves to share, that India's vital role as a supply ceotre for the war ship with both countries and friends. effort, as well as a source of supported the efforts of the

Sir Gilbert Laithwaite, military maopower, was United Nations to reconcile GCMG, KCB, KCIE, CSI, quickly and efficiently orgathem.

In the summer of 1954 he distributions to reconcile them. served as private secretary to self wholly with the work and Secretary of State at the fice. In the months before he Ireland, UK High Commissioner in Pakistan, and Pered what they regarded as his "mocopoly" of the Viceroy. large his personal knowledge oon-Asiao the

service to the heavily hur-dened Linlithgow, whereby he The responsibility The responsibilities of the CRO, whose official head he remained until 1959, had coosiderably increased since prospect that they would increase still further as more British dependencies advanced to self-government. But he was never afraid of

It was not surprising that a man of such talent and experience should have been drawn. after his official retirement at the age of 65, into business and fresh forms of public service. He was a director of Inchcapes' from 1960 to 1969 (deputy chairman 1960 to 1964), and was also a director of insurance companies.

For some years he was chairman of the UK Comm-ittee of the Federauon of Commonealth Chambers of Commerce. He became a trustee of the

Hakluyt Society in 1958; a governor of Queen Mary College in 1959 and its president from 1964 to 1969; chairman of council of the Royal Central Asia Society from 1966 to 1969, and thereafter its vicepresident; president of the Royal Geographical Society from 1966 to 1969, and from 1969 a vice-president: Master of the Tallowchandlers' Company from 1972 to 1973; and a member of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries from 1959 to 1972. This was an appointment which reflected his love of fine artefacts. During his time in India and Pakistan, he had been a discriminating collector of carpets and rugs.

He wrote a record of his own Lancashire family, The Laithwaites (1941, revised

His somewhat dictatorial style masked an engaging and sympathetic personality, which made him many admiring

He was unmarried.

CARDINAL AVELAR BRANDAO VILELA Cardioal Avelar Brandão Archbishop of São Salvador earned him a rebuke from the Vilela, the Roman Catholic da Bahia, which, as Brazil's Vatican, on the suspicioo that

oldest diocese, made him the he was a Marxist. country's Primate. He was made a cardinal in 1973.

ops, and the conciliatory skill which was to make him such a powerful influence behind the scenes in the affairs of the church was much in play at the Medellin (Colombia) conference of 1968, which Pope

Paul VI attended. Both there and at the 1979 Puebla (Mexico) conference his moderation was an important factor in making sure that the liberation theology of the South American church was made palatable to a European clergy, prone to be nervous about its radical social con-

His influence was also considerable in the case of Father Leonardo Boff, Brazil's lead-

ing liberation theologian, whose radical social activism

with J. E. Driver, The Chemistry of Crude Drugs. In 1934 the first edition of his Textbook of Pharmocognosy appeared This work eventually achieved worldwide recognition in pharmaceutical educa-

> Subsequent editions of it illustrate the development of the use of plant drugs in medicines from an almost unscientific art to the application of sophisticated knowledge concerning plants'

In 1964 he published Phar-macy in History. His past students will re-

member him as approachable, kindly and courteous. He was a quintessential scholar. After sucd his interest in pharmacentical and local history. His early publications in-clude a collaborative work

He is survived by his wij He is survived by his wife,

Maurice Handford (Obituof the great national orchestras with which he was ofteo associated as a guest conductor. If he had had good health for another five years this might have been remedied.

But too often it was a case of is not this the carpenter's son?" and some foreigner was preferred for no good reason. Long after his fine performances are forgotten his influence will survive because of his work with the students in the Royal Academy of Music's First Orchestra, which he brought to a high level of excellence.

He carried on this work until the last days of his life in a defiant and exemplary fight against pain and increasing

When Boff was summooed to Rome, in 1984, to face the From 1967 to 1972 he was Congregation of the Doctrine president of Celam, the counof the Faith's inquisitors, it was Vilela, through his widel publicized view that Boff's theology contained no vestige of Marxism, who helped to lower the temperature. And his calmly expressed conviction that it would eventually be accepted turned out to be right when, earlier this year, the Vatican lifted the ban of silence it had imposed on

> Vilela's strength lay in an afactional nature which enabled him to talk to extremists on both wings of the church. Devoted to ameliorating the plight of the oppressed, he nevertheless eschewed violently radical courses. He believed in renewing the structures of the church, rather than in tearing them down.

#### MR PETER **FANTONI** Mr Peter Fantoni, who died

suddenly on December 17, aged 81, was a gifted watercolourist, well-known for his miniature evocations of his native Italy. Peter Nello Secondo

Fantoni was born on June 28, 1905, into a Tuscan family. His father was one of the Italian ice-cream manufacturers who came to Britain at the turn of the century. Along with the Marcantonios, Bertorellis and Fortes, the Fantonis quickly established themselves in London's East End. Much of their success was due to their introduction of the wafer as a way of serving

Against a background largely devoid of artistic encouragement, Fantoni ran off to South America while still in his teens. There he studied at the Hoffman School of Art, and after his return to Britain in 1926 began showing regularly at the Whitechapel Art Gallery.

At the beginning of the Second World War, there was talk of internment. Instead, somewhat surprisingly, he was told to take a joh at De Havilland, where he was employed designing parts for

1974

The early post-war years were lean and it was only in the mid-Sixties that he once again felt the challenge to paint. As his work again found favour with collectors and fellow artists, his painting, particularly of Venice and the Tuscany of his childhood, egan to display hrilliance, light and sense of place.

Fantoni is survived by his wife, Maxie, and hy his son, the cartoonist, Barry Fantoni.

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NO. 007221 of 1986
CHANCERY OIVISION
FOR MR. JUSTICE WALTON
FOR MR. JUSTICE MERVYN DAVIES)
TUESDAY THE 16TH DAY
OF DECEMBER 1986
IN THE MATTER OF
WOOLLEN MILS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, **DEATHS**

I thank God through Jesus Carlst for you all. that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

BIRTHS BUTLER - On December 22nd, at Cuckfield Hospital. to Ann (née Vlasto) and Charles, a son. Thomas Noel Dacres. Noel Dacres.

CRYER On December 20th 1986, to Anne (née Ellis) and Gerry, a son, Benismin Joseph Murray.

DUNN On December 16th, to Jane (née Parsons) and Thomas, a son, a brother to Archie.

FORD On December 19th, in Rosalind (née Burkett) and Andrew, a son, Edward Christian.

FRY On December 18th, at The West London Hospital, to Caroline (née Fraser) and Richard, a son, Henry Thomas Boyton.

CRYLLS On 20th December, to Jame the Clitherow) and Robin, a daughter, Eliza Katherine, a sister for Nicola.

HALFHEAD On December 18th, at St. Thomas' to Frankle the Waterhouse) and Christopher, a son, a brother for Lucy.

HEROBAN On 18th December, to Susan ince Stirrup) and Rory, a daughter. Sophie Chariotte Duddingstone.

Duddingstone.

MACHELL - On October 25th in Perth.
West Australia. to Christine and
Richard, a son. Rory Darius, a brother for Oilver.

MALDONADO - On December 22nd at
Buckland Hospital, Dover, to Alexandra (née Dynoska) and Joaquin, a
daughter. daughter.

MARRIAGE · On December 22nd. to
Caroline and Jeremy, a son, Freddje,
a brother for Clare.

Sill.LWARD. On December 18th at
Princess Margaret. Windson, to Peter
and Mandy, a daughter Abby Otivia.
a sister for Sophile.

MONTERSERY · On December 20th

a sister for Sophile.

MONTGOMERY On December 20th.

10 Lucy (née Bhrd) and Robert. a
daughter, Flona Mary.

NAVARRO On December 21st, at St
George's, to Rachel and Francis, a
daughter. Lucy Patricia.

POPHAM On Thursday 4th December To Philippa (née Metville) and
Pobert. a 1st born son Michael
Joseph.

Joseph.

RADCLIFFE - On December 18th 1986, to Shirley toke Harvery and Crant. a son. Edward James, a brother for Charlotte Victoria.

ROBBINS - On December 16th 1986, in Kathmandu, to Gilling thee Goyder) and Marcus, a son. Nicholas Eric Riller,

SWEET · On December 18, at St Thomas' Hospital to Jane tose Gun-ner) and Charles, a son, Edward Charles John, a brother for William. Charles John. a brother for William. TRITTON - On December 19th. to Sallylou thee Nelson) and Peter. a daughter, Eroma Pameta Louise. a sister for Jonathan.

WESTON - On December 17, at Basingstoke District Hospital to Hillary and John. a son, Richard Thomas Barton. a brother for Gaorge.

MARRIAGES

COURSE: WARNER - on December 20th in Edinburgh Antony Course to Alicia Warner (nee Whitaker).

DEATHS

BAILEY · On December 21st, peaceful-by in hospital aged 82, Major John Pahrick Curran Bailey M.B.E., L.R.A.M., A.R.G.M., (Bitt). Former Director of Music 1st/2nd King Edward's Own Guricha Rifles, and Bandmaster in the 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment. Cremation a. Chichester on Tuesday 30th Dec at 12,30 pm, No Howers please, but donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

Heart Foundation.

BEETHAM! - On December 21st, at Burford, suddenly but peacefully, irene, formerty of Weishpool and Charibury, the beloved mother of Ann and grantmother of William. irene, formerty of Weisingool and Charibury, the beloved mother of Ann and grandmother of William and Chariotic, Cremation at Oxford Crematorium at 1.50pm. December 29th. No nowers but donations, if desired, will be for the hospital and nursing home who tared for her so devoredly. Cheques to Irene Beetham Memorial Fund c/o Barchays Bank. Market St. Charibury. Oxford.

BURRELL. On 25rd December, peacefully at home. Dorothy Alice (new Wallwork). Much beloved wife of Eric Hugh and mother of Jennifer. Laurence and Jacqueine. Flowers from family only. Donations in St. Andrew's Church. Boxford near Newbury, much appreciated. Enquiries to Camp Hopson, Northbrook St. Newbury. Tel. Newbury 2590.

CANTOM - On December 22. peaceful-CANTON - On December 22, peacefully in hospital, after a short illness. Margaret Faith Muriel Helen aged 77, dearly loved wife of Verrion, and mother of Cristopher. Elizabeth and John. Cremation private. No flowers, but donations if desired to MIND. Bull donations it desired to with.

ELLISON On 20th December, in hospital. Joseph Eric Ellison O.B.E.,
dearly loved husband of Elvira and
loving father of Wendy. Funeral Service on 30th December at Putney
Vale Crematorium at 3.15 pm. Fam-

EMSLIE - On December 21st, George Bradshaw, husband of the late Helen Mary Orme Emsile and Bather of Martin. Philip and Nigel.

GAER - On 19th December, Rolland Jutlien, at St. James' Hospital. Balham. Funeral in be held at 5.00 pm on Tuesday December 30th at The Court of St Nicholae and Mary Magdalene. Church Street. London W4. No flowers. Donations. If desired, to the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

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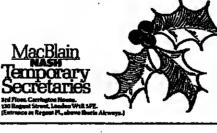
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# Hattersley in attack on the 'biased' press

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

deputy leader of the Labour Party, yesterday accused the British press of being more "prejudiced, irresponsible and, io some specific in-stances, dishonest" than ever

"That must be obvious to

press at the moment," he said. Mr Hattersley was being questioned about exclusive disclosures in The Times yesterday about a new offensive by Labour MPs to counter what is seen as a concerted effort by Fleet Street to torpedo the party's hopes of an election victory.

He claimed that the virulence and unscrupulousness of the present campaign overshadowed previous press attempts, most notably in 1964 and 1974, to scupper Labour's

The party oow faced a "strange partnership" co-ordinated and calculated by the Conservative Party that had been fostered throughout Mrs Margaret Thatcher's premiership.
"A oumber of things have

changed. Some once-respectable newspapers have become no less biased than papers at the bottom of the market," he said oo BBC Radio 4.
He claimed that The Times

had deteriorated so that it was now as partisan as the Daily Mail or the Daily Express. 'Also in 1964 and 1974 the Conservative Party was not consciously and intentionally

coordinating the press campaign as they are now." The Labour attack on allegedly distorted and inaccurate political reporting comes after an internal party survey of press coverage carried out by Mr Peter Mandelson, director of its campaign and communications unit. That ideotified The Sunday Times as the "flagship" of anti-Labour

Yesterday, Mr Andrew Neil, the paper's editor, rehutted Labour's claims.

Speaking oo the same programme, he referred to his paper's damaging revelations in the summer about the Queen's "dismay" at the social policies pursued by Mrs

'If Roy Hattersley thinks he's unhappy about The Sunday Times, he ought to speak

Mr Roy Hattersley, the to Mrs Thatcher - Mrs Thatcher hasn't spoken to us for 18 mooths

"Mr Hattersley attacked our sister paper The Times. He doesn't like the editorials in The Times and he's perfectly at liberty not to.

"As far as news coverage in anyone who reads the British The Times is concerned that's straightforward.

"Indeed, it's The Times this morning that gives a perfectly straightforward account of Labour's complaints about press distortion - what's wrong with that?"

Mr Neil dismissed as "nonsense" the notion that Labour was the victim of an orchestrated attack.

Meanwhile, Tory yesterday expressed amazement at Labour's onslaught. They dismissed the idea of a

Conservative press in cahoots with the Government. That, they said, was preposterous in the light of stories this year throughout Fleet Street deeply damaging to Mrs Thatcher They cited io particular the Westland affair, Land Rover, the dispute between Mr Norman Tehbit and the Prime Minister, and the revelations about Mr Jeffrey Archer.

One senior source said: "This smacks of people used to dealing with glossy maga-zine propaganda, but not used to dealing with the facts of

Mr Hattersley said he "thanked God" for the "honest" media — the best examples being the BBC and ITV.Mr Mandelson at a private meeting of Labour frontbench spokesmen last week urged them to eschew the "bunker mentality" and to have a quiet word with offend-

ing political journalists.

Mr Neil said Labour's deputy leader had a point in that the tabloid press tended to be too anti-Labour. But serious newspapers separated fact and

A Liberal MP yesterday joined the Tory chorus of attacks oo Labour councils by accusing them of practising "political corruption" in some urban areas.

Writing in the latest issue of The Radical Quarterly, a Liberal journal, Mr Michael Meadowcroft, MP for Leeds West, attacked Labour authorities for resorting to propa-



The annual festival of nine lessons and carols, including the premiere of a specially commissioned carol, will be broadcast world-wide from King's College Chapel, Cambridge, today.

The new carol is Nowel, poem by Walter de la Mare set to music by Richard Rodney Bennett. The choir of 16 choristers, aged nine to 13, and 14 undergraduate choral scholars will be conducted by Mr Stephen Cleobury, the college's director of music who was photo-

As well as the congregation of more than 1.000 members of the public, the festival is being broadcast live on BBC radio, and will be heard in most countries over the Christmas period.

graph with the choir yes-

(Photograph: Graham Wood).

# Voyager ends record flight

vapour lock. The plane dived, falling 3,500 ft before Rutan and Yeager were able to start the front engine and then restart the rear engine.

"There was 90 seconds of terror," noted Mr Lee Herron, the missioo spokesman. "That plus the fact that gasoline and fumes leaked into their tiny cabin and forced them to use oxygen all the way home." But by the time they arrived

at their desert landing spot, the site of oumerous American spacecraft landings, both pilots had regained their calm. Rutan did a coople of victory circles for the benefit of the waiting thousaods.

After a thorough medical check-up at a local hospital to see how their bodies, hearing and equilibrium have stood up to the ordeal - the couple were due to meet the

Doctors yesterday said they were coocerned that the pilots'

"The Voyager is very noisy, it's like flying next to a jack hammer for nine days solid. They're also pretty bruised and battered by all that being tossed around.

With the completion of the historic flight Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager join the ranks of aviatioo pioneers, such as Charles Lindbergh, the Wright hrothers and Amelia Earhart. Although the epic flight took just over nine days, in

reality it took six years from start to finish. The spidery-like Voyager was first dreamed up in 1980

hy aircraft designer Burt Rutan, the younger brother of the theo air force fighter pilot Dick Rutan. But when they first spoke of the plan, aviation circles scoffed at it. The brothers, however,

were oot put off. Scrounging money, with

thousands of people around were coocerned that the pilots' America donating as little as dented flight aroun hearing may be permanently \$1, they built their light plane. as "magnificent.

affected. One physician ooted: Now they hope to capitalize on the daring venture. The plane will become a

permanent exhibition at a Washington museum and Rutan and Yeager are already discussing books, television documeotaries and films chrooically their historic

declared: "The journey dem- subscribers. onstrates we could build an airplane lighter than sceptics thought we could huild that would be capable of flying all the way around the world."

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President Reagan yesterday praised Voyager's unprecedented flight around the world

# Sakharov pleads for freedom of detainees

Continued from page 1 one of the most unusual press conferences seen in Moscow as he willingly fielded a barrage of questions from 250 oewsmen. We were permitted to raise a host of subjects oormally deemed taboo.

The aircraft was built from Adding to the curious lack superlight magnamite fibre of official disapproval oormal stretched over a honeycomh at such occasions, a photogpaper core. The strong, yet rapher from the Tass oews light construction enabled the agency was on hand to record plane to carry more than five the exile's return and later times its weight in fuel. Yes-terday a delighted Burt Rutan arrival scenes to international Amid the pre-dawn slush

covering platform I A of Moscow's sprawling Yaroslavsky statioo, the father of the Soviet hydrogen bomh That in turn, he pointed celebrated his return to the out, will lead to a new city he had not seen since 1980 generation of long-distance with a sharp denunciation of the Kremlio's policy on Afghanistan, claimed by some observers to have been the

issue which led to his original

As early morning Moscow commuters stared on in dis-belief, Dr Sakharov said: "I consider this the most paioful point of our foreign policy would like to see decisive measures that would put an end to this tragedy." A senior Foreign Ministry

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official later attempted to play down the significance of the remark. "I do oot see anything bad in this comment of Sakharov's. Our leadership has stated on many occasions that we are seeking a solution of the problem in Afghanistan as sooo as possible," he said. Accompanying Dr Sakha-

rov oo the train was his illlooking wife. Mrs Yelena Bonner, aged 62, who recently under went a double heart hypass operation in the West. She had to be helped down the platform oo the arms of friends and Dr Sakharov esplaioed that she was in "poor coodition" with pains io chest and legs.

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# Christmas events

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols; Durham Cathedral, Durhaur, 3: St Alban's Cathedral, St Albans, Herts; 8; St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerstoo Place, Edinburgh; 7.30.

Christmas Day Scafront bandstand concert by the Eastbourne Silver Band;

The Christmas Day Ba'; Broad St, Kirkwall. Orkney; Boys' game 10.30, men's 1.

ACROSS

(3.4).

13 Nursery

with girl of the month (6).

4 Fashionable people in trial beaks put back (5,3).

10 Not a genuine performer in second field event (7).

11 Queens may be found in

12 Notorious April disaster.

Nursery gardener shepherdess (4).

15 Some keys are so narrow

17 Plant row elsewhere, using

19 My bases involved io mis-

21 Ah! Tempter repelled her

23 Imprison with four keys (4).

24 Ken's verbal composition,

27 Little by little, otherwise, in

29 Oblique team movements

30 Tribesman in some trouble

1 Girl gives Jack ponies he

poetry of a sort (5,5).

a mother country (7). 28 M6 sign reversed - for

those on the left (?).

this modern royal house

trapping more than 20 (10).

# Christmas travel

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,237

Boxing Day Traditional Mummers Play

#### and Morris Dancing Stocks Hill, Church St. Moulton, Northants; 11.

Boxing Day Steaming, Mid-land Railway Centre, Butterley Station, Ripley, Derbyshire; 10-

Boxing Day pilgrimage walk from Ripon Cathedral to Foun-tains Abbey ending with ecumenical service; Ripon. North Yorkshire; 11.

# Museums and galleries

It is advisable to check opening times of museums and galleries before visiting them as times of closing vary during the Christmas and New Year holiday.

3 Book about the French never counted (10).

Moves boats from banks (4). 7 Made speech about an

Part of 11 that's 15 (9).

American city (7).

9 Sign to move 29 (4).

say (5).

(5,4).

22 Stone fish (7).

about right (5).

to impress (4).

26 Consider prospect (4).

8 Wine acceptable after

14 One composer has game of

cards with another (10).

16 Service with which Albert

18 Virginia's husband, perhaps is a politician (9).

20 Conceited fellow makes im-

23 What's many a fool? That's

25 Handle dropped in attempt

Solution to Puzzle No 17,236

portant point (3-4).

initially associated

# THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

British Hast
Todey: Normal Wednesday service,
with extra services early in the day, and
awaning commuter trains cancelled.

as Day and Boxing Day: No December 27: Normal Saturday service, though most early morning trains will not

un. December 28: Normal Sunday service. December 29 and 30: Normal weekday ervices, but with reduced commuter services.

December 31: Wednesday service in Scotland with lest trains generally running before 10 pm. No overnight trains except for Inst. Mall boat trains to and from

tor insh Mail Doat trains to and from Holyhead.

January 1: No services in Scotland: InterCity trains will not run north of Cartiste of Newcastle; no local services in NE England; most Network SouthEast services will operate to a Sunday timetable.

London Trainsport.

Christman Day No bus or linesermound.

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Boxing Day: Special services for buses and Underground. Check on 01-222 1234 after 8 am that the service or route you

treatables.
January 1: Buses and Underground will run to Sunday timetables.
One New Year's Eve travel on London buses and Underground will be free after 11.45 pm.
National Express
Christmas Day: Very limited service, for example to hospitals.
Bosing Day: Services from London to main cities and some cross-country services, for example Aberdeen and Plymouth to Nottingham via Bristol.

# Roads

London and the south-east: Laytoa: Delays expected as Church Rd closed between Matte Rd and Capworth St. A3: Repairs to traffic lights at Robin Hood Roundebout will cause delays. A6: Uneven road surface due to roadworks on Amphili Rd, Bedford.

The Middlands: A456: Delays likely at Bewdley bypess. A1: Lane dosures W of St. Noois at Eaton Socon. A46: Lane closures at Earls Benton between North-empton and Wellinghorough.

The North: Rift: Delays between functions 31 and 33 (A57 Worksop)A830 Sheffleid). M6: Contraflow between functions 28 and 32 (Preston)M55). A1: Work at Wetherby bypess, W Yorkshire.

Wales and the west: A38: Delays between Exister and Plymouth due to lane closures in both directions at the top of Heldon Hill. A48: Inside lane closed E and westbound on M4 (junction 44) to Port Talbot due to readworks from Lon-Las to Earlswood. A303: Roed Improvements between Mere and Ameebury at Furze Hedge lunction A300.

Scotland: HillO: Inside lane closed Stirring bound between function 5 (Benitheed) and 9 (Prinnial). A701: Diversions and lane restrictions at Stration Village, Lohian. A73: Single line traffic at Cartulee and at Wallgatehead, Lanark.

# The pound

# **Anniversaries**

TODAY Births: John, King of England 1199-1216, 1167; George Crabbe, poet, 1754; Matthew Arnold, poet and critic, 1822. Deaths: William Makepeace Thackeray, oovelist, 1863; Al-

ban Berg, composer, 1935. TOMORROW Births: Sir Isaac Newton. mathematician and astrocomer 1642: William Collins, poet, 1721; Maurice Utrillo, artist.

Deaths: Karel Capek, drama-tist, 1938; W. C. Fields, film comedian, 1946; Sir Charles (Charlie) Chaplin, 1977.

BOXING DAY
Births: Thomas Gray, poet, 1716; Henry Miller, novelist.

Deaths: John Wilkes, political reformer, 1797; James Ste-phens, novelist and poet, 1950. Harry S. Treman, 33rd Pres dent of the USA 1945-53, 1972. Today is the Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr of the Church.

# Gas safety code -

If you suspect a gas leak follow the safety code issued by British Gas. Pul out cigarettes. Do not use

matches or naked flames.

Do not operate electrical switches (including doorbells).

Open doors and windows to get rid of the gas and keep them
open until the leak has stopped.
Check to see if a tap has been
left un accidentally, ur if a pilot has gone out. If not, there is

probably a gas leak.

Turn off the whole supply at the meter and call gas service. The number is under "gas" in the telephone book. If you cannol lurn off the supply, or the smell continues after you have, or you have no supply, you must call the gas service.

# Christmas calls

Cheap-rate local, national and most international calls will be rvailable in England, Wales and Northern Ireland from 6 pm today to 8 am on December 29 and from 6 pm on December 31 to 8 am January 2. In Scotland the reductions will run to 8 am Monday,

January 5.

A three minute call from Britain to Australia will cost £2.11 instead of the normal £2.64 and a call from London to Edinburgh will cost 13p for three minutes instead of 26p (excluding VAT).

# Postal services

There will be one letter and one parcel delivery today and the last collection of post will be around lunchtime. Deliveries and collections will resume on December 29 but will not operate on New Year's Day.

Post Offices in England and Wales will close at 12.30 pm

Much milder westerly winds will gradually spread across Britain from the NW. There will be a frost at first in some south-eastern districts, and it will stay rather cold but dry during the day in the SE. Cloud will steadily thicken across Britain during the day, and rain or drizzle over Western Scotland and N Ireland early in the day will spread to most of the rest of Scotland, NW England and W Wales by dusk, reaching the SE coast by midnight. It will become foggy over western coasts and hills. Outlook for tomorrow and Boxing Day: Mild and unsettled. Rain at times, but also a little sunshine.

### AROUND BRITAIN LIGHTING-UP TIME TODAY London 4.25 pm to 7.35 am Bristol 4.35 pm to 7.45 am Edinburgh 4.11 pm to 8.14 am Amochester 4.23 pm to 7.55 am Penzance 4.58 pm to 7.50 am .18 5 41 shower - 4 39 bright - 4 39 cloudy - 4 39 sunny - 5 41 sunny - 4 39 sunny - 4 39 slowey - 8 37 cloudy - 8 37 cloudy - 5 41 cloudy - 5 41 cloudy - 5 41 cloudy - 5 41 cloudy .18 TOMORROW London 4.26 pm to 7.36 am Bristol 4.36 pm to 7.45 am Edinburgh 4.12 pm to 8.14 am Manchester 4.25 pm to 7.55 am Penzance 4.54 pm to 7.51 am 2.4 1.0 0.3 0.4 0.4 .01 BOXING DAY

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TOMORROW Sun elses: 8.06 am BOXING DAY

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today and at 4 pm in Scotland, opening again on December 29. They will be closed un New Year's Day and also on January

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THE POUND **US Dollar** 

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# Guinness Peat in **\$16m** buy

Guinness Peat, the merchant banking group, has bought Eagle Management & Trust, an investment advisory business in Houston, Texas, for \$16 million (£11 million).

The payment is \$14 million in cash and two \$1 million interest-free notes maturing after two and three years respectively, unless converted into Guinness Peat shares at 90p a share.

Eagle has funds of more than \$825 million under management, The annualized profit before tax attributable to Guinness Peat for the year ending December 31 is es-timated at \$1.2 million after adjusting for the terms of the acquisition.

# Exxon sale

Exxon Corp is selling Exxon Nuclear Co to Kraftwerk Union for an undisclosed price. Exxon will continue to hold non-voting preference shares in Exxon Nuclear for a limited period.

### Pleasurama

Pleasurama will make an unconditional takeover offer of 184p a share in cash for all outstanding shares of Norscot after buying 61.2 per cent of the company. Both companies are holiday operators ----

# Ladbroke buy

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Ladbroke Racing has acquired seven licensed betting offices trading as John Nelson Bookmakers in north and east London for £2.3 million, of which £749,999 will be paid in Ladbroke shares and the rest in 13-year loan notes and cash.

# **BES full house**

Land and Urban (Development and Secured Construc-tion) PLC, the Business Expansion Scheme company sponsored by Chancery Securities, has exceeded its £5 million limit and has elosed the offer for subscription.

# Trading halted

Trading in the shares of Guerosey Atlantic Securities Trust has been suspended pending publication of an announcement. The board has received an approach which may lead to an offer for the

# CUA expands

Commercial Union Assurance has announced the formation of Commercial Union Asset Management. The new group will be responsible for functions carried out by the company's investment, mortgage and house purchase departments in Britain.

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STOCK MARKETS

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11% 3-month Interbank 11%-11%% 3-month eligible bills:10\*16\*\*\*2%

Federal Funds 63:6%\*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.53-5.51%\*
30-year bonds 1021:6-1023:6\*

CURRENCIES

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New York Dow Jones

Sydney: AO ....... Frankfurt:

London: FT. A ......

buying rate US: Prime Rate 7%%

London: £: \$1.4485

Closing prices

MARKET SUMMARY

RISES:

BT ...... Lucas ......

Royal Insurance ... Hawker Siddeley ... FH Tomkins ...... Ward Holdings ....

Bullough ...... Pentland ...... CAP Group .... GUS 'A' ......

Gesterner ...... Pearson Group ...... Hambros .....

GOLD

London Fixing: AM \$392.75 pm-\$389.20 close \$389.00-389.50 (£268.50-269.00 ) New York:

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan ) .... pm \$17.15 (\$17.10) Denotes latest trading price

Comex \$389.15-389.65°

Mr Moorey, aged 40, came originally from Rochester, Kent andstarted his pro-fessional life in advertising. He later switched to the publicity section of the Home Office. He also worked in the Prime Minister's Office.

# Imports surge to £7,547m

# Trade deficit tops £1bn

Britain's visible trade deficit £506 million to £7,547 three months, export volume topped £1 billion last month at £1,032 million — compared with £835 million in October

THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

on surging imports.
The current account was in ever level. In the September to

deficit by £232 million, compared with a revised deficit of £35 million in October, after an embarrassing downward revision of the monthly sur-plus on the invisible items of

The cumulative current account deficit for the first 11 months of the year was £224 million, suggesting that Bri-tain is heading for its first current account deficit since 1979. In his autumn statement, the Chancellor forecast "broad balance" for the cur-

rent account this year.
Exports rose by £309 million to £6,515 million last month. But this was exceeded by the rise in imports, up by

million.
The volume of imports rose rose by 5 per cent to 8.5 per cent above the level a year by 2.4 per cent to its highestearlier.

The estimated monthly surplus on invisibles, which was revised up from £600 million to £900 million a month ago, November period, import vol-ume was up by 5.4 per cent — 13 per cent higher than a year earlier.
Officials said the apparent flattening of the upward trend in imports, thought to have been detected in October, did has been revised back down to £800 million. A month ago, before firm data was available on invisible earnings for the third quarter,

the monthly surplus for the not continue last month. The rise in imports last month re-established the upward trend. Imports of finished manu-factures rose by 8.6 per cent in fourth quarter was revised up to £900 million. The noward revision kept the current account in surplus volume terms last month,

in October - by £65 million -and showed a relatively bealthy picture for the current account, with a surplus of sucked in by buoyant consumer spending and purchases of capital equipment and raw materials by industry.
Partly offsetting the gloom £429 million in the first 10 months of the year. on imports, the volume of non-oil exports continues to

The apparent increase in invisible earnings came at a convenient time for the Government and helped to ease the pressure on sterling. Ministers were forced to defend the change in invisibles' es-timates in both Houses of Parliament.

Now it appears the statisticians were too optimistic m their premature guesses One disturbing aspect of the

latest trade figures is that the resumption of the noward trend in import volumes is accompanied by higher prices for imports, which could have

# Strong economy predicted

show strength. In the latest

Current account

☐ Visible trade

By David Smith **Economics Correspondent** 

Britain's pre-election, economic surge will continue next year, according to the latest Economic Forecast published today by Phillips & Drew. But the broker advises the Government not to delay an election beyond next antumn.

shops and a marked recovery in investment and exports,

"Consumers will benefit from rising, real incomes and large tax cuts. And the un-employed will benefit from the recovery in job opportunities.

"What will be less welcome, "The economy will be roar-ing along next year thanks to the spending spree in the growth without higher infla-

tion and a sharply deteriorating performance on the balance of payments."

The broker predicts a 3.9 per cent rise in consumer spending next year, against the 4.9 per cent rise this year. The current account is forecast to show a £2.8 billion deficit next year, widening to £4 billion in 1988. Inflation is predicted to rise to more than 6 per cent in 1988.

# Pound gains ground as dollar slide continues By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The dollar's end-of-year per cent last month. Many

slide continued yesterday with dealers believe that the Fedweak figures for durable goods orders producing further selling. It dropped by 1.3 pfennigs against the mark to 1.9640.

The pound gained ground against the weak dollar, rising by 65 points to \$1.4485 in London. The Opec settlement provided continued support for the pound, helping it to overcome the poor November trade figures.

Later in New York, the pound rose to \$1.4525, the first sustained break above \$1.45 for several weeks.

The pound's gain against

US durable goods orders, after stripping out the defence component, rose by only 0.6 68.6.

eral Reserve Board will move early in the new year to reduce the discount rate if signs of economic weakness persist. The dollar beld steady

against the yea, with the pact between Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese Finance Minister, to stabilize the yen-dollar rate apparently surviving the latest bout of dollar weakness. The

The pound's gain against the dollar helped the sterling index to a 0.1 point rise to

# Moorey moves to DTI

Mr Adrian Moorey, head of information at the Department of Employment, has been appointed to the demanding post of director of information at the Depart-ment of Trade and Industry.

The vacancy was caused by the previously announced departure of Miss Colette Bowe, who drew public attention for her part in official leaks during the Westland

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

The DTI, a focus of press attention since the Westland saga, has also been embroiled in the tin crisis, the Leyland affair and, most recently, a spate of insider dealing disclosures.

# Bonus for Westland investors

By Alexandra Jackson

Preference shareholders in Westland, the rescued heli-copter group, will receive a late Christmas gift with a payment on the 7.5 per cent convertible preference shares due on December 31.

As part of the capital restructuring earlier this year, Westland was prevented from distributing profits earned in the year to the end of September as these had to be kept in a special undistributable re-

However, the group was able to pay shareholders from profits earned after that date. Results for the period from October 1 to November 21 showed attributable profits of

£5 million.
The company gave a warning however, that this level of profitability should not be considered indicative of the likely outcome for the full

It was not possible to make an ordinary dividend pay-ment last year due to a technical problem. Westland

is considering whether it will compensate for this missed dividend when it next makes a payment. Indications are that an ordinary dividend will be paid

in the present financial year. | grid is upgraded in 1990.

# PRIOR HARWIN SECURITIES LTD.

Mr Tony Prior: uncertain Christmas for investors

# Winding up petition for Prior Harwin Securities

having some "cowboy" opera-tions. Prior Harwin had a

clean reputation as a trader of

listed shares and smaller over-the-counter stocks. Mr Prior

was co-chairman of the OTC

Prior Harwin was also a

member of Fimbra, the self-

regulatory organization set up

to police non-Stock Exchange

dealers under the new Finan-

cial Services Act, although

Fimbra was apparently not consulted by the DTI before it

. Prior Harwin's closure will

mean an uncertain Christmas

for investors who sold their

British Gas shares through the

Cheques issued to the pob-

practioners' committee.

By Richard Lander The Government has shares, which the DTI has not continued its clampdown on the City by presenting a petition to wind np Prior Harwin Securities, a licensed securities dealer which was taken into account, and have £500,000 in the bank." News of the action surprised other traders in the licensed securities field. heavily involved in trading shares for the public in the Although it operated in a part of the City renowned for

British Gas flotation. The winding up petition was presented on Monday by the Department of Trade and Industry, which has obtained the appointment of the official receiver as provisional liquidators.

The official receiver, in turn, has appointed a representative of Deloitte Haskins & Sells, the accountants, as special manager until the pe-tition is heard in the High Court on January 28.

Mr Tony Prior, the company's managing director, said the directors could not afford to fight the petition, although he said the petition claimed wrongly that the com-pany was insolvent with a deficit of £90,000.

He added. The company trading TSB and British Gas

The Bank of England is

concerned about the rapid

growth in consumer and mort-

gage lending and plans to make a survey of banks'

lending experiences in these sectors, a spokesman for the Bank said yesterday.

In a letter to banks and

licensed deposit-taking in-

stitutions, Mr Brian Quinn,

UK set to win

more orders

from Jordan

By David Young Energy Correspondent

further orders from Jordan

now the power line linking the

capital, Amman, with a new

power station at Acaba, has

The consulting engineering contract for the line has already earned more than £30

million for British industry.

The consulting engineer, Ewbank Preece, of Brighton, designed the system and

supervised construction.
The Jordanian government

is likely to place more orders in Britain when the national

been completed.

Britain is expected to win

lic were not being honoured yesterday and a number of The Times readers who had

probably broke even until sent off their British Gas share recently. However, after Big receipts to Prior Harwin up to Bang in October we have been highly profitable. We have mewspaper anxiously made in excess of £120,000 yesterday.

the past.

company.

Unlike Stock Exchange in the public interest.

Bank runs check on loans' growth

head of banking supervision, noted high growth in con-sumer and mortgage lending,

and indications that some

banks had been more gen-

erous in giving credit than in

circumstances "gradual deter-

ioration of asset quality may

He said that in these

members, licensed dealers are not covered by an investor compensation scheme, al-though one is being estab-lished under the Financial

Services Act. Mr Prior estimated that the firm probably owed 4,000 to 5,000 investors a total of £1.2 million. He said clients had been paid until now "as promptly as is humanly possible".

Prior Harwin was active in the unofficial grey market in British Gas which existed before official stock market dealings opened on December

Unlike many banks and stockbrokers, it was also pre-pared to deal for applicants before they received their letters of acceptance last week.
Mr Prior said DTI inspectors visited the company in

August after it had failed to file its financial reports and took away documents. However, the accounts had now been filed. A DTI spokeswoman said

the department had acted under section 440 of the Companies Act which allows

Mr Quinn said a more

detailed survey of lending

experiences would be taken in

Mr Quinn remarked that some institutions had in-

creased the proportion of a

house valuation or the mul-

tiples of a borrower's income

the future.

# Tip-off 'led to insider inquiry' By Colin Narbrough

A tip-off by an outsider to the Government in June, linking a civil servant directly to a City stockbroking firm, led to the insider trading investigation at the Department of Trade and Industry, Whitehall sources said yesterday.

The inquiry announced last week, is into alleged offences involving departments responsible for husiness competition.

Neither the official nor the firm involved have been pub-licly identified, but sources suggest that information was passed by a young DTI woman employee to her brother, who works in the

City.

It is not yet elear whether the brother was on the staff of the stockbroking firm or had merely supplied the information concerning merger rul-ings to the broker. This inside information

also appears to have been supplied deliberately to the financial press, probably as part of efforts to mask the source of the leaks.

Market reporters last sum-mer noted an uncanny accuracy in guidance offered by some dealers ahead of key merger announcements

After a spate of insider dealing revelations that have shaken the City and Wall Street, Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said on Thursday that he had named outside inspectors to look into allega-tions that officials at the DTL the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the Office of Fair Trading had been illegally privileged leaking

information. Whitehall sources have predicted early completion of the investigation, possibly today, but the DTI has officially

stonewalled about progress The two inspectors are duty bound not to disclose details of their work.

The six-month delay in calling in inspectors reflects the Government's concern about its ability to carry out successful prosecutions in alleged cases of insider dealing. But new powers it has taken enable inspectors to demand documents or information under oath from anyone they

Non-compliance can lead to prosecution. Civil servants and journalists enjoy no spe-cial immunity.

The Stock Exchange - its computers permit it to indensify almost immediately suspicious share price move ments close to merger decisions - is believed to have supplied much of the evidence on which Mr Channon acted. Insider dealing, outlawed in Britain since 1980, could now become an offence in the Isle

# not be easy to detect." that they were willing to lend. HOW YOU CAN MAKE MONEY WHEN

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# Eastern snaps up 80% stake By Alison Eadie

was completed yesterday when the management at East-ern National Omnibus Company acquired 80 per cent of the company. Eastern National, the new

pany in the country after privatization.

expected to be about £2 million. National Bus had a total of 52 local bus subsidiaries and 19 other subsidiaries eligible for privatization.

The Eastern buyout team is led by Mr Harold Taylor, finance director of the NBC eleventh management bayout. led by Mr Harold Taylor. Eastern's operating profit for finance director of the NBC the year to April 1987 is until May this year. Mr Taylor

is chairman and finance director of Eastern and is supported by three other directors and

sidiary of County Bank, is subscribing for the remaining 20 per cent. The management and employee shareholding could rise to 95 per cent depending on performance. Mr Taylor said: "Our aim is to seek a stock market listing as soon as possible." He added that Eastern would carry on doing what it was best at. He said there were no plans

to expand in leisure, beyond

worth more than £100 million. Nearly 80 have been

# Biggest bus buyout under privatization

The largest buyout under the Government's privatization programme for the National Bus Company (NBC)

name for the company, runs services in Essex, parts of Hertfordshire and North-east London. It operates 526 huses and coaches and has 15 de-pots. It is expected to be the largest independent bus com-

Eastern is the twelfth local hus privatization since the programme began in August and is thought to be worth about £5 million. It is the

# Greyhound Corporation has agreed to sell almost all of the business of Greyhound Lines, its domestic inter-city bus subsidiary, to an investor group led by Mr Fred Currey of Dallas. The price is more than \$150.

The price is more than \$350 million in cash, securities and royalities. The sale does not include Greyhound Lines of Canada.

No prices are being revealed for the buyouts, but the Gov-ernment will release a total figure when privatization is

the holiday tours being op-erated. He said he hoped to made almost 250 investments

seven managers.

The team is taking an initial 80 per cent stake. County Development Capital, a sub-

expand the contracts from London Regional Transport. County Development has

# WALL STREET Blue chips edge lower

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**CANADIAN PRICES** 

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will retain certain property, plant, equipment and current

assets with an estimated value of

£1.9 million. Ault will also incur

redundancy costs of £1.2 mil-lion, which will be paid from the

proceeds of the disposal.

• MINET HOLDINGS: The

company has acquired 90 per cem of Continental Under-

writers, a privately-owned ma-

rine, surplus-lines insurance

This was in cash. The balance is

profits. For the year 10 Sept. 30 last, Continental's pretax profits

\$350,000.
• MOSS ADVERTISING

GROUP: Total dividend 2p (nil) for the year to Aug. 31. Turnover £8.81 millinn (\$6.07

million). Pretax profit £170,000 (£422,000). Earnings per share 4.08p (7.30p). The board reports that the foundations are now

being laid for the future hy

investment in additional personnel, particularly in the creative sector. This will hold back profits in the short-term, but benefits are expected before

the end of the current year. In addition, the group has been active in identifying potential acquisitions and the directors

are in talks with a number of

NORTHERN AMERICAN

TRUST: The trust has repaid its \$10 million loan and borrowed a

further \$10 million for three months. The trust has also

borrowed a further \$10 million

dividend), hroker, based in New Orleans, U.S. Minet is paying \$4.57 INVESTMENT CO: Net asset million (£3.17 millinn), of which value per share at December 18 \$4.34 million has been paid.

● EQUITY CONSORT subject to an adjustment of up INVESTMENT TRUST: Net to \$6.22 million, depending on

New York (Reuter) - Wall 828.61 and the utilities av-Street share prices eased in erage slipped 0.69 to 211.14. moderate early trading The 65 stocks average fell 1.83

A slight rise of 0.6 per cent durable goods orders, confirming the economy's sluggishness, fuelled market

IBM continued to lead blue chips lower with another large

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.94 to last week that 10,000 of its 1,922.24 at one stage when the employees had accepted early transport indicator lost 2.30 to retirement.

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• FRANK GATES: The formal

has been posted and remains open until January 9. It values

each Gates' share at 120p cash and Gates' capital at £10 million. There is a loan note alternative of 120p a share.

NEW COURT TRUST: Net

asset value at November 30 was 613p per ordinary share (after

deducting the proposed final

asset values at November 30 were 481p per ordinary share

and 761p per deferred (before

deducting proposed interim or-

(HOLDINGS): A subsidiary. CMR Electronics, has won a contract worth about £1.5 mil-lion from BP Petroleum

Development for the design and

supply of the platform tele-communications systems for its

southern North Sea gas project.
 BENCHMARK GROUP:

Conditional agreement for the acquisition of Charlton Seal

dividend has been declared of one share of common stock of Westmark International for every five shares of Squibb com-

mon stock held at the close of

Conditional agreement has been reached for the sale of the paint

division to Berger, Jenson and Nicholson, a subsidiary of Hoechst (UK), for about £9.2 million in cash of which about

£2.9 million will be deferred and

receivable over five years. The

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %) 1 mmin 10<sup>13</sup>16-10<sup>3</sup>6 2 mmin 10<sup>13</sup>-10<sup>23</sup> 3 mmth 10<sup>11</sup>16-10<sup>2</sup>126 mmin 10<sup>11</sup>16-10<sup>2</sup>

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business on Dec 31.

as 189 yen (81p).

American banker pleads

New York (NYT News Service) - Robert Wilkis, a The broader Standard & Poor's 500-share index deformer investment banker clined 0.61 to 248.14 while the with Lazard Freres, has New York Stock Exchange composite index slipped 0.29 pleaded guilty in a Federal district court to four charges of insider trading. to 141.73.

Wilkis, aged 37, was ac-IBM fell 15 to 12112 as cused of swapping tips about investors continued to react to pending corporate takeover the company's announcement bids with Dennis Levine and earning more than \$2.5 million (£1.75 million) by illegally

trading on this information. He faces a sentence of up to five years in prison on each of the four counts and a fine of \$850,000. He is due to be sentenced on February 9.

Wilkis was charged with one count each of securities fraud. mail fraud, tax evasion and failure to report the transfer of \$100,000 cash from an offshore account

He said he had joined the insider trading scheme after being recruited by Levine, whom he had met when both were foreign exchange traders at Citibank in the late 1970s. Last July, Wilkis settled an



Dennis Levine: recruited Wilkis for insider trading

insider trading case brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The civil charges accused him of illegally earning about \$3 million by trading in more than 50 stocks through offshore hanking accounts and swapping inside information with Levine.

dollars on the tips provided by some from Wilkis about pe wilkis, the government aling takeover transactions.

guilty to insider trading leges, and Mr Levine, in turn, passed some information on to Ivan Boesky, the arbitra-

> Boesky has settled charges that he earned more than \$50 million by trading illegally on inside information.

In a related incident, Mr Randali Cecola, a 25-year-old Harvard Business School student who worked at Lazard Freres as a junior analyst before joining Harvard, pleaded guilty to two criminal charges and settled SEC charges that he had exchanged insider tips with Wilkis.

Cecola admitted to not reporting profits of about \$66,000 over two years. He faces a maximum sentence of six years in prison and \$500,000 in fines.

The SEC charges, which Cecola settled without admitting or denying guilt, said he had provided inside tips to ironically at the time of the Dixons bid for Woolworth. Wilkis, who worked at Lazard Then the prospective sec-tor multiple to March next Levine earned millions of at that time, and had received tollars on the tips provided by some from Wilkis about pend-

APPOINTMENTS.

# Directorship for Atterton

David Atterton has been made a non-executive director. Lloyd Instruments: Sir Ed-

win Nixon becomes chairman and non-executive director.

Bain Dawes (Anglia): Mr
Julian Currie is made manag-

ing director.
Contec: Mr Peter Laister becomes chairman and nonexecutive director, Mr Stuart Hallam deputy chairman and chief executive and Mr Ted

Venables a deputy chairman. NFC Distribution Group: Mr James Gardiner becomes personnel director and Mr John Davies managing director (Alpine Refrigerated De-Commercial Union Assur-

ance: Mr J Carter and Mr A Wyand become directors. Brown Shipley Mergers & Acquisitions; Sir Rowland Whitehead is made managing director.

Simons Construction Group: Mr Paul Hodgkinson is made chairman.

COMPANY NEWS

• PORTER CHADBURN: Six

months in Sept. 30. Interim dividend Ip (0.7p), payable on April 7. Turnover £10.88 million (£8.79 million). Pretax profit £347,000 (£85,000).

Extraordinary items: works clo-sure and related costs, nil (£569,000 debit). Earnings per

Maharry Holdings for an initial

consideration of Ir£3.79 million

CRYSTALATE (HOLD-

INGS): Exchange control con-sent has now been received from

the Barbadian authorities and the completion of the ac-

quisition of the Barbadian assets

has now taken place. The \$1 million (£694,000) retained by

NASH INDUSTRIES: Total

dividend trebled to 1.5p for the year to Sept. 30. Turnover £15.24 million (£17.44 million).

£15.24 million (£17.44 million).
Pretax profit £306,000
(£121,000 loss). Earnings per
share 5.1p (2.3p loss). The board
is considering several proposals
on the development of group,
which would have a significant

impact on potential earnings.

GKN: The company confirms that the sale of GKN Steelstock, its steel stockholding and processing subsidiary, to C Walker and Sons has been

approved by the European Coal and Steel Community and that

confirmation has been received from the Office of Fair Trading

will be payable, depending on the profits of Maharry for the years 1986-87, 1987-8 and 1988-

(£507,000). Earnings per share offer being made for the

(£569,000 deon). Earnings per share 5.20p (1.63p).

• HAZLEWOOD FOODS: A conditional contract has been is now the sole owner of Allexchanged for the acquisitinn of American Metals (AAMI).

(£3.61 million). A further price and the balance of the pref-

company.

SOUTHWEST



Peter Walton

Perry Group: Mr Peter Walton becomes group fi-

WCRS Group: Mr John McKimmie is made group development director and Mr Charles Stern group finance director.

Willis Faber & Dumas: Mr RJ Elliott is made chairman, Mr MA Hedley deputy chair-man and Mr JMP Taylor managing director - aviation;

SOURCES: Six months to Sept. 30. No interim dividend (nil). Turnover £3.86 million (£4.26 million). Pretax profit £775,000

(£1.84 million). No tax (nil).

Earnings per share 1.49p

AMINC bought the remaining

65 per cent of the common stock

erence for \$400,000 (£278,000)

· AKZO: The company has

acquired the blood bank re-

agents and immunochemicals

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OTHER STERLING RATES

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Starting index compared with 1975 was up at 68.6 (day's range 68.3-68.6).

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**DOLLAR SPOT RATES** 

American reinsurance; Mr JH Aarvold, Mr E Moss and Mr JP Turner deputy managing directors — oil and gas; Mr HM Turvill chairman, Mr MDT Faber and Mr MC White joint managing directors, Mr EJS Garrett and Mr R H Gayner deputy managing Willis Faber & Dumas

Mr DJ Martin chairman, Mr

RM Salter managing director and Mr CM Farby deputy

managing director - North

(UK): Mr RB Guthrie, Mr VC Hasiett and Mr A Pollard become directors. Mr DP Duffy is made a director (Willis Faber Advisory Services) and Mr GA Hudson, Mr JG McClure and Mr DL Smyth directors (Willis Faber Personal Financial Services).

Lombard Continental: Mr Andrew Laing is made deputy general manager, Mr Philip Condon, Mr Robert Mc-Cracken and Mr Mike Seaby racks of coats and shelves of assistant general managers.

involved in the reception of satellite-delivered television ser-

subscribed for convertible loan

stock, which on full conversion

would increase its stake to not

less than 35 per cent, depending on profits in 1990 and 1991.

After the recent acquisition of Tyndall Group, Brint will be renamed Tyndall Holdings from

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#### **Demand halts** SELECTV: Half-year to Sept. 30. Turnover £39,000 (£48,000). St Gobain Pretax loss £143,000 (£116,000). on first day Loss per share 1.04p (0.84p). The board is considering proposals to ensure the future, including means by which SelecTV can become profitably A wave of unmatched buy

orders caused the suspension of deals in Saint-Gobain at 350 francs (£36.30p) as its first day's trading started on the Paris Bourse yesterday.

BRINT INVESTMENTS: Some 20.10 infinion smallers was unlikely that the full-year total of £900,000, forecast with a healthy order book but the public earlier this when Allied Textile Commonth at 310 francs each. It was 14 times oversubscribed.

shares or less would be filled more likely, they said. the shares requested.

# 95% profits jump at **Berisfords Group**

However, directors said it extraordinary items. was unlikely that the full-year The group started

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

£10,430,000. Tax increased from £36,000 to £53,000. This gave a net profit of £201,000, up from £94,000. Bid cosis of

Ribbons were handicapped by the final stages of reorganization but labels performed well. As a result turnover did not achieve the full buoyancy

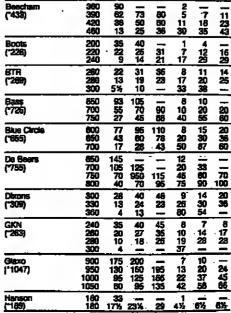
Profits also were held back

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**TEMPUS** 

Take another look at

retail for a good buy

Forecasters with some justificationthat every time

they are called upon to look

into the crystal ball the

outlook is particularly

This year, however, the

retail analysts can be forgiven

for believing that they are

looking at a set of circum-

stances which seems to be

more than usually fraught

The starting point for most

projections is the immediate

past. But 1986 has been a

most unusual year, in many ways atypical, and a big

disappointment for share-

The stores sector peaked against the market last April,

year was 18.5. Now it has failen to only 14 compared

with a market multiple of

An unprecedented con-

sumer spending boom made this year one of the best ever

for retail volume growth.

Between 4 and 5 per cent real

growth in consumer spending

translated into retail volume

growth of more than 6 per

cent year on year.

Consequently, at the beginning of this year, retail shares looked a good investment.

But for the first time the

retailers had to come to terms

with very low price inflation

of only 2 per cent.

This and intense com-

petition in the high street

have meant retail turnover

gains have been confined to

single figures. At the same

time, wage inflation has been

at the 6 per cent level, while

occupancy costs, such as rent

and rates, have experienced

healthy rises well into double

Even Christmas, the busi-

The multiples did badly in

November, mainly due to the weather. The late onset of

winter left the retailers with

est time of the year, is ending

on an atypical note.

with imponderables.

holders in the sector.

cloudy.

gioves all unsold. The first real cold snap coincided with the Christmas rush, making this year's sales

more skewed than ever towards the last days of the And the day of the week Christmas falls on this year

also makes a difference. When it falls early in the week, shoppers very often regard the previous Saturday as the last day for buying

presents. If, as this year, it falls on a Thursday, Christmas week becomes a proper week. People are still at work and will still consider additional

shooping. Not until it is all over can a full appraisal be made of just how good it has been. But all the signs point to a record Christmas this year.

Share prices, however, are as much a reflection of future expectatious as of past and present indications. So for shareholders, there has been the fear of what might happen next year. Apart from the impending general election, the main fear is that Britain has seen the best of the consumer spending boom.

There are other worries. Sterling is weakening, the balance of payments is deteriorating on the non-oil side, while oil remains uncertain.

And the Government appears to have suspended all serious attempts at financial The hig worry, according to John Richards, stores analyst at Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, is that a series of negative influences will hit the stores sector at once next Rather than tax cuts, which will fuel spending further, the Government may see a need to damp spending down as the strains in the economy become more apparent. On the plus side, there is some evidence that wage increases

and is concentrating on win-

ning the next election.

are moderating, hut inflation is rising and the positive real income gap is closing. Consequently, he sees a halving of the rate of growth in consumer spending next year but the big high street

multiples will still see more than 4 per cent volume growth as they continue to take business away from their less alert competitors. Higher inflation of 5 per

cent or so will take turnover growth into double figures. making 1987 perhaps a better year than it would seem at first glance.

Mr Richards believes that shares such as Burton, Freeman Next and GUS have above average growth prospects

Certainly, the fail in the sector rating in the last nine months over-discounts the uncertainties of next year. There is now some real value

# Pretax profit at Berisfords

Group, the Cheshire maker of ribbons and labels, rose by 95 per cent from £130,000 to £254,000 in the six months to September 30.

panies made an unwelcome cult in some divisions. bid last May, would be at-Individuals were guar-anteed that orders for 10 £600,000 and £750,000 was

entirely, leading to a sharp scaling back of institutional orders to only 1.5 per cent of dividend of 1.9p, up from that was expected.

Profits also were advanced by higher interest or 1.55p. Turnover advanced

£286,000 have been treated as

by higher interest costs.

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# BASE **LENDING** RATES

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 BATLEYS: Interim dividend
 O.Sp (0.5p), payable on Feb. 26, for the 27 weeks ended Nov. 1 (compared with the 26 weeks ended Dec. 26, 1985). Turnover £112.22 million (£95.26 million). Parter = £652.000. purchaser is not taking over any of the company's paint-manu-facturing activities and so Ault lion). Pretax profit £652,000 MONEY MARKETS

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French Franc
7 days 9-8%
3 math 10-9%
Swiss Franc
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# RECENT ISSUES

Waddington F/P Walker (Alfred) N/P

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# Dealers brace themselves for GrandMet megabid

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There was talk in the market late yesterday about details of a possible megabid being announced today

Heading the list of likely candidates was, naturally enough, Grand Metropolitan, the leisure, brewing and hotels group, huilt by the late Sir Maxwell Joseph and the target of persistent hid talk this year. Shares of Grand Metropoli-

ian firmed another 1p to 456p, as a meagre 1.3 million shares changed hands, after recovering from an early, 3p fall. At this level, the entire group, which includes the Watney Mann and Truman breweries, is capitalized at more than £4 hillion.

The immediate inclination of most marketmen yesterday was to disregard the talk. Traditionally, trading on the shortened Christmas Eve session is a formality with turnover minimal and the hulk of it concluded within the first 10 minutes. But dealers have decided to take nothing for

granted this year. They are only aware that a number of stake-building exercises have been attempted with GrandMet - with the names of the Australian en-trepreneur, Mr Alan Bond and the financier. Mr Charles Knapp, mentioned. both being

There has been intense speculation recently that the two men had got together and formed a consortium with the finance 10 hid for GrandMet

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and sell the various parts of the business.

Speculation has also been fnelled by reports that Schroders, the merchani bank, has been a big huyer of the

But the majority of marketmen are convinced that the group's sheer size

 Matching buyers with sellers is the name of the game in the wake of Big Bang. So full marks to the broker who bought 2.3 million shares in Trafalgar House at 260p yesterday and sold them later in the day nt 268p. He made a profit of £184,000. Trafalgar closed 9p higher at 269p.

remains its best form of defence and that a bid for the company in the oear future is unlikely. One unconvinced dealer commented last night:

"Only time will tell."

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But the price is still 24p up on the week and appears to have shaken off the doubts which existed in the summer when it drifted close to its "low" for the year of 513p.
Analysts claim that the

shares are now enjoying something of a re-rating, helped by the firmer trend in oil prices. Despite the certainty that a large fall in profits will be suffered in 1986 because of weak energy prices for most of the year, Mr Euan Worthington, an analyst with L Messel-the broker, has just changed his recommendation from a "hold" to a "buy."

He expects pretax profits, due out in April, to show a fall from £717 million to £625 million, but says that they should recover to £675 million next year, helped by RTZ's

• Recent takeover speculation at Consolidated Gold Fields, where Mr Harry Oppenheim holds a 28.8 per cent stake, shows signs of boiling over. Dealers have reported that some speculators have started unwinding their positions before Christmas. The result was that the shares dipped 11p to 661p yesterday.

strong chemicals operation. The oil sector came in for profit-taking after Monday's sharp gains stemming from the news that the Opec oil ministers had agreed to reduce

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tions — finishing 3p lower at 676p — with turnover restricted to just 80,000 shares. Lion barrels a day. The move was designed to push up the price of crude oil on world markets and had an almost immediate effect

On Monday, the price briefly touched \$18 a barrel and yesterday the price of Brent crude (for March deliv-ery) traded at \$16.70.

Mr Philip Kapadia, an oil analyst with Raphael Zorn the hroker, has just returned from the Opec meeting in Geneva. He says that Opec will be happy to see the price trade at \$18 a barrel throughout the winter, slipping to between \$16 and \$17 in the summer.

Among the majors, BP eased 6p to 714p, Shell 4p to 979p. Ultramar 2p to 158p, Britoil 1.5p to 168.5p and Enterprise 2p to 178p. Moving against the trend, Burmah firmed 3p to 373p.

British Telecom responded with a 6p rise to 216p after an article in this column yesierday. The shares have been a weak market this year, with the threat of re-nationalization if the Labour Party is returned to power at the next General Election weighing heavily. But the recent return to popularity by the Gov-ernment in the latest opinion polls has prompted renewed support for the shares.

Labour is committed to buying back investors' shares at the original flotation price of 130p or issuing Government bonds with no voting

Pearson, publisher of The Financial Times and Penguin books and owner of the Lazard Bros merchant bank, was a firm market, climbing 15p to 591p - just 16p below the high for the year - on renewed hid speculation.

Yesterday its merchant bank, Lazard, placed 8.5 million shares with various in-stitutions at 538p. They were issued to help finance the Nal acquisition.

There was some talk of a big American buyer waiting in the wiogs. Hoare Govett the broker, was a buyer of the shares and was, at one stage, bidding 2p above the rest of the market for stock.

Last week, ooe mysterious overseas buyer was bidding 575p à share for more than 6 millioo shares outside the market, hut was believed to have been turned away emptyhanded.

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# COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

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# The importance of being honest

hangs in the balance. So too does the political future of Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, who despatched Department of Trade and Industry inspectors to the Guinness head office on the morning of December 1, and, to a degree, the ministerial career of Paul Channon, the Secretary of State, who as a member of the Guinness family, has officially stood aside from his

department's decision but by the same

action, effectively left Guinness at a disadvantage in dialogue with the department and officials within it. The inspectors' fiodings, which may not be available for anything up to six months, also have a bearing oo the future of Guinness, a major international company now respon-sible for much of the prosperity of the Scotcb whisky industry; the relationships between industrial company and the City of London; and the ethics and attitudes of merchant banks and

particularly takeover bids. cance and potential damage of the Guinness investigation are uoderlined by the Government's judicious delay in sending the inspectors in until after the British Gas issue had successfully left the stocks.

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For the time being, the harsh light of interrogation is focussed oo the unbowed head of Ernest Saunders, hero turned villain in the eyes of the media, surrounded by a high fence of lawyers and public relatioos advisers. and adamant that he has done nothing wrong. So far, Mr. Saunders has been found guilty, if that is the appropriate word, on only three counts.

l. He is overwheeingly ambitous and arrogant in that he believes in his own publicity — the publicity that is, that greeted his success in turning round the ailing Guinness business in four years of hard, unrelenting effort; the acquisitioo of Arthur Bell; and the take over, after a bitter and protracted battle with Argyll Group, of Distillers (DCL). "Pure Genius" was deemed to apply not only to the latest Guinness advertising campaign. He has ensured that he is the personification of Guinness 10-day and in consequence there is oowhere for him to hide, eveo if be were diposed to do so.

2. He is accused, not without evidence, of breaking his word during the Distillers bid wheo Guinnes gave undertakings to appoint Sir Thomas Risk, Governor (chairman) of the Bank of Scotland, chairman of the oew Guinness-Distillers group, and to move the coproate bead office 10 Scotland.

3. He had dealings with the disgraced American arbitrageur, Ivan provided il goes deep eoough, will Boesky, with whom Guinness entered an agreement, shortly after it had acquired Distillers (and before the should it be, confined to the activities true nature of Mr. Boesky's genius had of Guinness during the Distillers war.

The fate of Ernest Saunders, chairman and chief executive of Guinness, hangs in the balance. So too does the political future of Michael Howard.

Boesky's disposal for stock markert investment.

In the light of what is oow known about the Thomas Risk affair and the dealings with Ivan Boesky, which the company had not seen fit to reveal until virtually compelled to do so last week, Ernest Saunders may also be accused of lacking the kind of judgement expected in the head of a large corporation. It is oormally a mistake for a major company to have one man as both chairman and chief executive, provided always you can find the right meo for each position. In the situation Guinoess is oow in, the disadvantages of not having a separate chairman are only too apparent. Guinness, since the Risk affair, has appointed five oew non-executive directors, each eminent in his own sphere, who with the previous nonexecutives have power to remove Mr. Saunders. There is no sign yet that they do not accept Mr. Sauoders' statement that he has done nothing wrong; but by appointing their own legal advisers - in response to the disclosure of the Boesky deal — they have shifted their ground.

Until the Department of Trade inspectors have completed their re-port and their findings are known, it would be manifestly wrong to condemn Guinness and Ernest Saunders for the sins rumour and malicious gossip would have you believe both bave committed. Guinness is the subject of what used to called a Board of Trade inquiry under the Companies Act, with the inspectors having the powers to compel anyone they wish to give evideoce conferred by the new Financial Services Act. If the law has been broken, the law will no doubt proceed to exact due and proper

Mean while it is worth asking what conceivable degree of villainy any company chief executive could have achieved to warrant such acrimony and abuse. Is it possible that there is a conspiracy among the interested, io the City and in Government, to make an example of one big company and a sacrifice of one high profile individual, in the hope that the Government will be seen to have acted decisively against "one of its own" and the City itself, that is certain leading City houses, will themselves avoid the same kind of investigatory light turned on Guinness?

Mr. Howard, for his own political sake and the skins of others, had better be right. Eveo if be is proved to have had good grounds for sending his inpsectors into Guinness, this inquiry, surely find that the inspectors' work cannot, nor, io the name of fairness.

# Old Smith's almanac

# Life after 8am in 1987: a market-maker's guide

Many lessons have been learned in the two months since Big Bang, not least that there is life before 8am. In the new competitive era, information is at a premium and the first with it will succeed where others fall by the wayside. No-one can predict the fu-

astute market-maker could do worse than enter the following events in his 1987 diary.

JANUARY: Mr Richard Branson is given an expanded role in his campaign to clean

ture with any certainty, but the

up Britain. He is put in charge of City regulation.

The dollar plunges to new lows after President Reagan admits that he knew about secret US arms sales to the

Soviet Union. FEBRUARY: The City grows impatient awaiting for the British Airways' privatiza-tion. As a result of fog, the

flotation has been diverted to Manchester. Computer problems dog the Stock Exchange. Sir Nicholas Goodison is forced to match bargains on his personal com-puter at home. Several com-

plaints from institutions who find they have bought Pacman and Space Invaders' shares. MARCH: Mr Nigel Lawson's fourth Budget: He announces a 10p-in-the-pound reduction in the basic rate of income tax; the abandonment of monetary targets, and rounds off his Budget speech by pulling large quantities of five pound notes from his despatch box and scattering them around the House of Commons. "No-one can ne-cuse me of being financially irresponsible," he says.

APRIL: Panic in the City after an elaborate April Fool's joke goes badly wrong. Men dressed as DTI inspectors call on unsuspecting individuals and read them the insider trading laws. The City of London Police bans these "DTI inspectograms" after several people attempt to leap from the Stock Exchange

Unemployment falls again after Lord Young fails to turn



Roy Hattersley: change of direction



Sir Nicholas: homework



Richard Branson: City regulation role

up for his restart interview. MAY: Mrs Thatcher decides to go to the country. She books a cottage in the Lake District for the second fortnight in August.

JUNE: Another spate of

takeover activity. Gainness bids for ICL BTR bids for BP, Ward White bids for Marks and Spencer and Lord Hanson bids for Mr Robert Maxwell's JULY: Mr Roy Hattersley

announces significant changes in Labour's plans for the direction of institutional investment. AUGUST: Twenty seven gilt-edged market-makers soe the Bank of England on the

grounds that the new gilt market is too boring. SEPTEMBER: After sus- discount vouchers to be retained pressure from several deemed against every pound minor public schools, Oxford University decides to offer a degree course in insider trading. Professor Boesky, the distinguished Harvard aca-





Nigel Lawson: scattering fivers in the Commons

demić, is to be the course director. OCTOBER: In one afternoon, Mr Nigel Lawson per-suades Mrs Thatcher that the time is ripe to take sterling into the European Monetary System and then single-

handedly negotiates a currency deal between Europe. Japan and the United States. And then he wakes up. **NOVEMBER:** Guinness ces that it is investing in Mr Juhn De Loreau's new

venture to make luxury sports DECEMBER: The Government announces the impending privatization of the Bank of England, to be renamed "British Bank." The public is to be offered

**David Smith** 

# Champagne leads rush Growth in Swiss GDP for sparkling wines

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

In the last-minute sales rush it is turning out to be a Christmas of the sparkling wines, with champagne as much in increased demand as its cheaper cousins.

Sales of table wines are improving also with a rise of at least 5 per cent in line with the buoyant trend of sparkling

For every two bottles of cheaper sparkling wine one bottle of champagne was sold in the six weeks to December 20, according to Victoria Wine, the Allied-Lyons subsidiary which is one of Britain's two largest off-licence chains.

One bottle of sparkling wine, including champagne, is being sold for every 10 bottles of table wine, said Victoria J Sainsbury, with more than

270 stores and still with its main strength in the Sooth of England, reported: "This is a very good Christmas for champagne sales. "A vintage collection has

been added to our dry white and pink own-label cham-pagnes and all three are selling particularly well." At Asda, part of ADG, the

higgest concentration of whose 107 stores are in the North, reported sales of its two own-label champagnes to be "very good indeed."

Own-label champagnes at

the various chains sell mostly between £7 and £8 a bottle, while Moet et Chandon is £10.99 a bottle at Victoria Wine. Longer-term trends show sparkling wine including

champagne with the steepest sales increases.
In the 12 months to September this sector was up 12.2 per cent, according to the latest analysis of the Wine and Spirit Association. lo the seasonal rush there

are signs of big growth in some sectors. While beer sales overall are still in the doldrums take-Economics
Correspondent

home lager sales are up 20 per cent, according to Victoria
Winc.



A vintage year

with sales of table wines

showing a 5% increase

There are also some signs thatthe cocktail boom, still spurred on by mixed drinks like Malibu, Belize and most recently Monterez, may be losing a little of its fashionable edge this Christmas.
What could be stealing

more of the limelight are malt whiskies like Glenfiddich, produced by William Grant and Sons and easily this market's leader, Macdonald and Muir's Glenmorangie, Macallan-Glenliver's The Macalian and Seagram's The

Glenlivet.

Malt whisky sales are up by a fifth, according to Mr Jim Hughes, market research manager al Victoria Wine. He said: "It looks as if the achieve the full year results for

But spirits sales overall, including those of Scotch, have improved by only I to 2 per cent, according to trade reports.

Overall, Victoria Wine expects a "good" level of liquor sales throughout the holiday period as people stock up for New Year celebrations, which continue to grow in popularity in the South.

Sherry and port, which were hit by slack sales this year, are winning back lost popularity, according to the Wine and Spirit Association.

But Sainsbury reported a good year overall for sherries and port. A boom for wine sales in

September - boosted by the good weather, was reported by the association. It found long-term trends

were showing a marked improvement, with table wine sales running at an estimated upward trend of 6.5 per cent on the basis of a moving annuai total.

In September sparkling wine sales leapt 21.8 per cent, with still table wines up 17.6 per cent. Sherry and vermouth sales

in September were up hy a quarter on annual comparison. Port sales also improved. Fortified wines as a group,

covering vermouth, sherries and ports, could by the year end reach the sales levels of last year, despite being 20 per cent or more behind in May, the association said. They improved to a 7.8 per cent lag

Mr Nick Gent, the association's chairman, remains cantious about the final sales levels for this year of

He said: "Pre-Christmas sales are certainly satisfactory, but early reports suggest that wine merchants have not seen a full share in the present retail sales boom.

We seem unlikely to experimenters like the yuppies which we had hoped."

# 'will slow to 2.1%'

slow to 2.1 per cent next year after 2.6 per cent this year and a 3.6 per ceot rise in exports of 4 per cent in 1985, the goods and services against 2.8 government's Commission for Economic Questions said

yesterday. The commission said the impetus from lower oil prices abroad were forecast to fall 2 would begin to wane and no per cent after a 4.2 per cent substitute could be expected decline this year. Capital although improved tax revenues and low inflation had

Created some flexibility.

Domestic demand would continue to support expan
changed from the 1986 growth sion, although its growth rate and down from the 4 per would slow to 2.5 per cent cent recorded in 1985.

by 3.75 per cent because of surplus of SwFr14.5 hillion favourable financing con- (£6.3 billion)

Berne (Reuter) - Growth of ditions and the need for Switzerland's gross domestic industry to invest to stay product (GDP) is expected to competitive. The commission predicted

> per cent this year, while real imports would grow by 4.1 per cent after 7.8 per cent. Receipts of capital from

from public sector spending, transfers ahroad would rise 1.5 per cent. The commission said gross national product would grow

from 5 per cent. The current account was Capital spending would rise expected to show a nominal

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# ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT STOCK The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 22nd December 1986, and has issued to the Bank, an additional amount as indicated of the Iollowing Stock

£100 million 101 per cent EXCHEQUER CONVERTIBLE STOCK, 1989 The price paid by the Bank on issue was the middle market price of the Srock at 3 30 p.m.on 22nd Occember 1986 as certified by the Government Broker.

of the Stock, ranking in all respects pair passu with the Stock and subject to the terms and conditions applicable to the Stock, and subject also to the provision contained in the final paragraph of this notice, the current provisions for Capital Gains Tax are described below

Copies of the prospectus for the Stock, dated 22nd November 1985, may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Wating Street, London

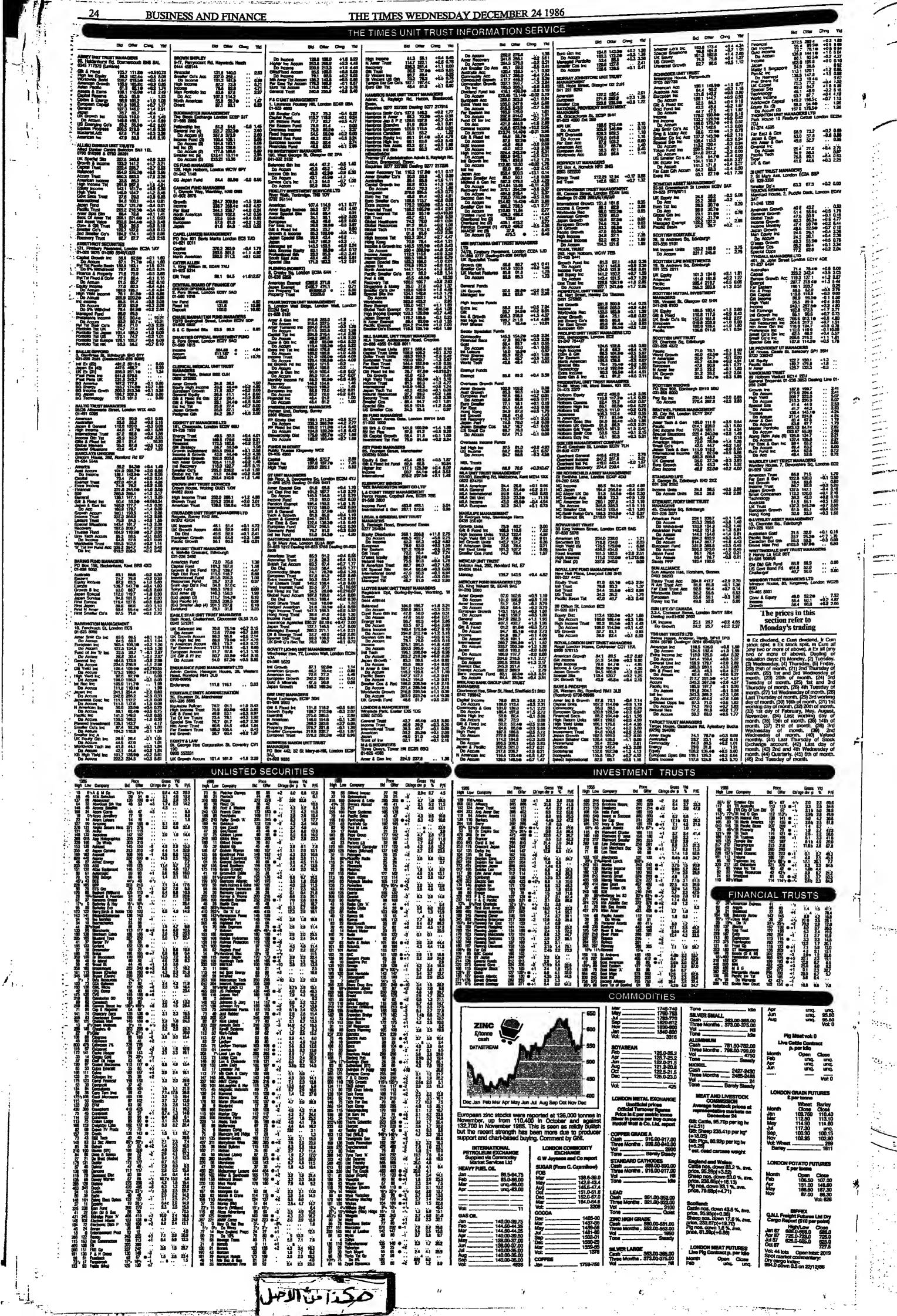
Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the further tranche of the Stock to be admitted to the Official List. The Stock is repayable at par on 15th November 1989 Interest is payable half-yearly on 15th May and 15th November.

The further tranche of the Stock will rank for a full six months' interest or 10) per cent Exchequer Convertible Stock, 1999 is specified under peragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 as a gift-edged security (under current legislation exempt from tax on capital gains, irrespective of the period for which the Stock is held).

Government statement Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, this further transhe of the Stock is issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government or the Bar that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure, and that such omission shall neither rander any transaction liable to be set aside not give rise to any claim for compensation

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22nd December 1986



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# In-form Forgive'N Forget should add King George to honours list

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Forgive'N Forget, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner in the spring of 1985, can add the King George VI Rank Chase to his steadily lengthenLack of preparatory races

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Novices' Chase for which he has declared Flag of Truce instead. ing list of achievements at Kempton Park on Boxing

This season has seen Forgive'N Forget in irreppressible form. Following that initial win at Wetherby where Wayward Lad was among those who finished behind him, he has twice made successful forays across the Pennines to Haydock

My feeling is that he has never been better, not even when he stormed up that final hill at Cheltenham to claim jumping's most coveted trophy two seasons ago.

On the other hand, Way-ward Lad, who has already won Kempton's premier chase an unprecedented three times, may not be quite the force of

Combs Ditch, another with a distinguished record in the race - he has finished second in his last two runnings - is in the field again along with his stable companion, that flamboyant grey Desert Orchid, leaving their regular partner, Colin Brown, with a difficult choice of rides. He will delay his decision until Friday morning when he has

walked the track. In his shoes, I would plump for Combs Ditch, even though

Going: good to soft

1.10 AHERLOW (nap). 1.40 Mandavi.

Lack of preparatory races should not affect Combs Ditch who has put up stunning performances first time out for the past two seasons.

It was on the corresponding day 12 months ago that Bolands Cross won his first steeplechase. Now he is being thrown in at the deep end having recently won a couple of handicaps at Ascot and Lingfield very easily indeed.

Much as I admire Nick Gaselee's seven-year-old, I still feel that with Desert Orchid and Door Latch in the field, vying for the lead, this race is going to be run to suit Forgive'N Forget.

But as far as the day's best bet is concerned, I prefer Aherlow who is napped to make it two wins from only two attempts over fences in the Butlin's Feltham Novices'

Aherlow was most impressive when beating Cavvies Clown first time out at Wincanton especially as he looked in need of a race that day. In the meantime, Cavvies Clown has beaten that other exciting young prospect Mid-night Count at Ascot.

Significantly, his trainer Simon Christian has opted for the seemingly harder threemile race on Friday instead of

2.15 Forgive'N Forget

Steve Knight 85 4-1 P Scudemore 99 F5-2

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Only qualifiers

2.30 String Player.

KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

By Michael Seely 1.40 POWERFUL PADDY (nap). 2.15 Forgive'N Forget.

12.40 OSL WAYWARD LAD NOVICE CHASE (£3,329: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

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FORM CAVVIES CLOWN (10-12) won well 31 from the useful Michight Count (11-8) with BALLYMULLISH (11-1) 4th beaten 2SI at Ascot (2m 41, £6014, good, Dec 13, 5 ran). PLAYSCHOOL (11-1) won 301 from No-U-Turn (10-8) at Doncester (3m, £1576, good, Dec 12, 8 ran). MASTER 808 (11-4) won 31 from Surmons (11-8) at Cheltenham (2m, £3111, good, Dec 5, 8 ran). AHERLOW (11-2) won in good style on cheating debut by 2½1 from CAVVIES CLOWN (11-2) at Wincenton (3m 11, £1565, good to soft. Nov 27, 20 ran).

FORM TIMLYN (11-3) 5th beaten 24/3 to Skygrange (10-12) at Worcester (2m 2t, £3128, good, Oct 25, 23 ran), ilkahlaVt (11-3) won well 5 if from Prelates (10-11) at Leicester (2m 1t, £683, sort, Dec 15, 23 ran), GALLANT BUCK yet to race this season, most recent form (11-5) and beaten nk to Ascessmoor (11-0) at Warwick (2m 5t, £1746, good to sort, May 17, 20 ran), POWERFUL PADDY (10-13) sth, will have improved from the outing, beaten 10 it to Butteffeld Band (10-4) with BIN DIBBS (10-10) 5th beaten 14 at Nottingham (2m 5t, £3569, good, Dec 6, 16 ran), COPSE AND ROBBIERS (10-0) 3rd beaten 11 to Red Rocky (10-0) at Sandown (2m 5t, £3724, good to soft, Nov 29, 16 ran), LADY HEWTON (10-9) 3rd beaten 7t to Buckskin's Best (11-0) with LIGHT THE LOT (11-0) 4th beaten 15t at Sandown (2m 5t, £4562, good to soft, Nov 28, 11 ran).

Selection: POWERFUL PADDY

WETHERBY

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 Repington.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 MR FRISK.

1.0 CHRISTMAS NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,101: 2m) (18 runners)

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102 14/U-F11 TAWRIDGE (I. A H Ames Litt) A Turnell 8-11-12
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1.10 BUTLIN'S FELTHAM NOVICE CHASE (Grade II: £6.879; 3m)

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1.40 WINGS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,423: 3m) (15 runners)

-10000 AMERICAN GIRL (M Recve) H O'Nell 7-10-0...... 100-0F MISCHIEVOUS JACK (B Byford) B Byford 5-10-0...

1.00 High Plains. 1.30 Bishops Yarn. 2.00 Taelos.

Going: soft

0 001020- GALLANT BUCK (B) (J Stott) D Eleworth 6-10-12.

1 0/0210-4 POWERFUL PADDY (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-11...

4 030-700 MR DIBUS (P Segurinel) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-9...

5 1000-P3 COPSE AND ROBBERS (Mrs K Hutchinson) J Gifford 4-10-3...

6 020-0 KUWAIT MUTAR (D Willis) C Guest in Belgium 4-10-4...

7 304F-43 LADY NEWTON (Sunley Holdings Lin) J Fox 5-10-2...

6 03-1100 CRISS (J Lavy) C Read 5-10-1...

9 021342 LIGHT THE LOT (G Hackett) J Jeniens 5-10-0...

1 4/P444 ASA SPADES (E Parior) D Barons 7-10-0...

1 3-10000 AMERICAN GIFIL (M Reeve) H O'New 7-10-0...

Whether his choice will manage to cope with Foyle Fisherman is a matter of opinion. My selection will be meeting Tawridge on 121b better terms than when there was not much between them. at Lingfield earlier this month.

No matter how they get on earlier in the day, David Elsworth and Colin Brown should at least win the Haven Abroad Handicap Hurdle with the course and distance winner Hynosis who is quite capable of leading from start

Unless the weather inter-venes, Cybrandian will contest the Rowland Meyrick Handicap Chase at Wetherby instead of taking on the cracks at Kempton. Yet even he may not be capable of giving 23lb to Repington who has such a good record on the Yorkshire track. Also, Neville Crump's eight-year-old is in particularly good form at present.

The same remark also applies to String Player who looks poised to extend his winning sequence in the Bickerton Handicap Hurdle to the delight of his owner and trainer, the former English soccer international Francis'

Fresh from that confidenceboosting win at Ayr on Sat- 21lb.

recent easy Lingfield winner Bishop's Yarn in the Towton Handicap Chase at Wetherby instead of the Boxing Day Handicap Chase at Wincanton looks highly significant

The best bet on the Somerset track could easily be Abu Kadra even though he will face more than 20 opponents in the Coral Golden Hurdle

John Francome's five-yearold, who had good form on the Flat, won his latest race over hurdles at Doncaster with the proverbial ton in hand. Further west, I like the look of the Hennessy Gold Cup winner Broadheath who will be out to repeat his victory of a year ago in the Langstone Cliff Hotel Chase at Newton Abbot.

At Market Rasen, the promising Alkepa will be hard pressed to concede 8lb to Mick's Star in the Bruce Carr Memorial Novices' Trophy while Comeragh King should atone for his recent Haydock lapse by winning the Limber Hill Novices' Chase.

Finally, at Wolverhampton the recent easy Uttoxeter win-ner Spartan Orient is taken to get the better of King Jo in the Oldbury Handicap Chase at the considerable difference of

2.15 KING GEORGE VI RANK CHASE (Grade I: £31,696: 3m) (10

401 214-F03 BEAU RANGER (White Bros (Taunton) Ltd) Miss J Thome 6-11-10 S Smith Eccles
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403 0/12110- COMES DITCH (B.D) (F Tory) D Elsworth 10-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ C Brown or S Sherwood
404 PP-2212 CYBRANDIAN (D) (I Bray) M H Easterby 6-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ C Brown or S Sherwood
405 320-141 DESERT ORCHED (R Burridge) D Elsworth 7-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ C Brown or S Sherwood
406 3F0-141 DOOR LATCH (D) (H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ R Rowe
407 U43-111 FORGIVE'N FORGET (D) (T Kirce & Sons Ltd) Jimmy Fizzgerald 8-11 \_ M Dwyser
417 F1-184 VON TRAPPE (CD) (P Searmorell Mrs J Pintent 8-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ B cle Haan
419 122-332 WAYWARD LAD (CD,BF) (Mrs S Thewlis) Mrs M Dickinson 11-11-10 \_\_\_\_ H Davies
410 1032-21 WESTERN SUNSET (S Seinsbury) T Forster 10-11-10 \_\_\_\_\_ H Davies
411 1985: WAYWARD LAD 10-11-10 G Bradley (12-1) Mrs M Dickinson 5 ran

103 (12) 0-0432 TREESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ....

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Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Stx-figure and distance witner. 8F-beaten favourtie in latest form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unscated rider. B-brought down. S-elipped up. R-refused). Horse's race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and brought foliar plus any allowance. The Times name (8-binkers. V-visor, H-hood. E-Eyesheld. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CC-course



Wayward Lad, three times the King George winner, is seen here mastering Combs Ditch in last season's thrilling contest

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16 0	SCALLEGED (DE) N Harriston 5-11-0 M Bourby (C)
10 0	WOOLMANS J Scallan 7-11-0 12 Fisting
	WOOLANTS J Scaller 7-11-14-15-15-15-15-15-15-15-15-15-15-15-15-15-
19	WORSTEAD TYCOON M Tompkins 5-11-0
20 00-0	BALLYANNAGH (B) Mrs P Sly 5-10-9 M Besturd
22 0-00	KHARAB BIBI R Dickin 5-10-9 C Jones
22 0.0	MINE YEAR C MANY 5.10.9 G MANY CA
25 D-DU	SISTER CLAIRE Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-9
	Poses D. Condida A.1 Admil G.1 Ab Hollo 10-1
9-4 80	allecro, 3-1 Sandyla, 4-1 Adrel, 6-1 Ah Helio, 10-1

1.15 PEPYS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,421:

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1 F021	GFE-A (CD) (	Hubbard 7-1	1-13 Mas G	Armylage (4)
4 21F2	OGDEN YORK	( (D) J Frænce	me 5-11-4	P WAITHER
6 2-00	PAGE OF GO	LD D Gandoli	o 8-10-7	
8 -43F	TARCONEY P	Cundell 8-10	4	А Соппал
0 23F0	HOPEFUL KY	BO J Gifford (	J-10-8	E Marphy
14 3P-P	FALKLAND H	ERO J Webbs	<del>r</del> 7-10-0	G Hernagh
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19 PPP0	MUXLOW Mrs	R Williams 6	-10-0	M Hoad (7)
22 0333		MES R Dicks	7-10-0	C Jones
23 4-PP	ALANGROVE	SOUND AJ V	Milson 8-10-0	
24 0,000	HIMALAYA G	Hartigan 5-10	···	J Badow
25 F003	FADING DAW	N P Butter 9	10-0	. R Goldstein
27 /0-0	BANK LAW K	Windrove 10	-10-0	
11-4	June 10th	1-2 000-14	, 4-1 Hopefu Felidand Hero	14 1 othor
larconey,	2-1 Hobein C	mmas, 10-1	residenti neli U	, 14-1 OURS

#### Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Gifford 30 winners from 157 runners, 19.1%; O Gandollo 12 from 65, 18.5%; J Spearing 7 from 38, 18.4% (only Genoods to the common three questions; J. Berlow & three Questions; E. Murphy & winners from 34 rides, 23.5%; J. Berlow & from 96, 6.3% (only two qualifiers).

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 SOUTH WEST NOVICE HURDLE (£2,558: 2m

Ayd) (16 runners)

3 24 HANDY LANE (CD) L Kenserd 6-11-1 B Powell

3 0-P0 COMITIC PRINCE B Forsey 4-11-0 D DERRYRING B Smart 4-11-0 NON-RUNNER

5 00 FILM CONSULTANT J Bosley 4-11-0 C Cox (4)

6 MADYNA D Barons 4-11-0 P Nicholis

6 P TAMBLEN W R Williams 4-11-0 Mr G Maundrell

7 P TAMBLEN W R Williams 4-11-0 J Frost

1-P0 WINEL BALL J Payre 6-11-0 J Frost

1-P0 WINEL BALL J Payre 6-11-0 C Gray

P0 WINLERS WAY W Turner 7-10-9 Tracey Turner (7)

41 POD MILLERS WAY W Turner 7-10-9 Tracy Turner (f)
42 00 MISHT'S STAR J Form 4-10-9 M Yeomen (f)
43 F SHAMMERING GOLD N Kernick 5-10-9 M Yeomen (f)
44 0 TOUCH OF LUCK Mrs A Knight 4-10-9 George Knight
5-2 The Bakewell Boy, 11-4 Handy Lane, 9-2 Tudor Squire,
5-1 Fill The Jug 6-1 Pirates Punch, 12-1 Wimbiologi, 18-1 others

1.15 MID DEVON NOVICE CHASE (£3,277: 2m 5f)

| 14| | 2 002F BELLIVER PRINCE (CD) J Bales 6-11-4. | 5 -201 GOLD TYCOON J Spearing 7-11-4. | 6 9000 ARR SPACE (B) R Hodges 7-11-0. | 11 203P EASTERN LINE; J Bakes 8-11-0. | 13 0006 FLYING TEMBERFOOT (B) P Baley 5-11-0. | 14 R0/0 HASTY BOY J Roberts 6-11-0. | 14 R0/0 HASTY BOY J Roberts 6-11-0. | 17 P2P J OMBRINGS W Decaries 9-11-0. | 17 P2P J OMBRINGS W Decaries 9-11-0. | 18 PPP PRINCE BUSIONS F Gorman 11-11-0. | 18 PPP PRINCE BUSIONS F GORMAN 11-10-0. | 19 2023 CAMEBELLE (B) N Mitchell 6-10-9. | 19 35 -004 GO PENTA N Aysife 8-10-8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 10 -8. | 1

# 13-U LAPOSSE Mrs J Pitmen 5-11-10 O Mor. 4 0206 ALIMITE DOT J Webber 5-11-8 O Mor. 8 -106 KEYBUARD KING D A Wison 5-10-9 11 0220 DESBRES PRINCE (BP) C Bravery 5-10-0 12 0-40 PM SOMEBODY R Hodges 4-10-0 13 -321 MISTER CHRISTIAN (B) P Haynes 5-10-2 (7ax) 14 /0PD HAZEL NUT M Banks 6-10-0 D Styrms 15 P080 CADEBY R Scholey 5-10-0 16 -000 KAYE-WOOD Mrs M Thomas 6-10-0 7-4 MISTER CHRISTIAN 5-2 Lationse, 4-1 Auntile Dot. 7-4 Mister Christian. 5-2 Latesse, 4-1 Auntie Dot, 7-1 Keyboard King, 12-1 Deobles Prince, 14-1 others 2.15 THURLESTONE HOTEL HANDICAP HURDLE

1.45 ST IVO NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,035: 2m 5f 50yd) (17)

5 O BYWAYS BOY W Hackett 6-11-0. M Besters
8 - POB COUNTRY CAP R TOWNSEND 5-11-0 Mr D Townsend (7, 902 ESPERO C Maler 5-11-0. O Memory of OO FOCKE J Webber 5-11-0. O Memory of OO FOCKE J Webber 5-11-0. O Memory of OO GAY MOORE M Robinson 5-11-0. Miss C Beasiny (4) POD MACI MOMENT N Sewers 7-11-0. M Bowlby (4) POD MACI MOMENT N Sewers 7-11-0. M Bowlby (4) O NODALOTTE J Spearing 6-11-0. P Warmer O NODALOTTE J Spearing 6-11-0. P Warmer O NODALOTTE J Spearing 6-11-0. P Warmer O NODALOTTE J Spearing 6-11-0 Miss O Armytage (4) 10 1292 Wesqift PROBLEM Jammy Fitzgerad 9-11-0. P Constant of Chapter 5-1-0 Miss O Armytage (4) 10 1292 Wesqift PROBLEM Jammy Fitzgerad 9-11-0. P Warmer OF PLATRIUM ELOND R Carter 5-10-3. M Funding 5000 TRUE POETRY D Underwood 5-10-9.

3-1 Weight Problem, 100-30 Super Energy, 9-2 Augh-william, 6-1 Croghan Star, 8-1 Esparo, 12-1 others

2.15 CHATTERIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,330: 3m)

7-2 Broken Wing, 4-1 Debt Follower, 5-1 Rig Steel, 13-2 Kemir, 8-1 Scot's Nogger, 10-1 Rinymer's Tower, 16-1 others

2.45 BOXING DAY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,690: 2m

4 1113 HOPE END (BF) R Dickin 8-11-7 C Jones
10 803F TEFRENEE T Bit 8-10-8 C Kelkett (7)
11 3002 COLE PORTER (C) M Banks 11-10-5 D Styme (7)
12 007- SOME SHOT J Webber 7-10-3 Q Marnagh
16 4924 PALATNATE G Hartigan 8-10-0 J Barlow
17 0022 SMILING CAVALLER A Madwar 10-10-0 —
18 P00P MARIJBENI T ROKINGSON 9-10-0 —

5-2 Tierenes, 3-1 Hope End, 4-1 Cole Porter, 8-1 Smiling Cavalier, 8-1 Some Shot, 12-1 Paletinate, 18-1 others 3.15 EBF OUSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,047: 2m

27 P/CP POOR EXCUSE P Butler 11-10-0...

200yd) (7)

(£3,044: 2m 5f 110yd) (18) 8 200 AMADES L Konnerd 6-11-3. B 8 21-8 PRINCE'S DRIVE B Palling 8-10-11. C Ev 10 -00 ONE FOR MAMMY (CD) C Rocch 5-10-7. F N 12 -022 SUPER GRASS (BF) S Smart 7-10-6. C 1 13 0-00 ROYAL CRAFTSMAN A Dunn 5-10-5. 12.45 The Bakewell Boy. 1.15 Gold Tycoon. 1.45 Porto Irene. 2.15 Spiders Well. 2.45 Broadheath. -330 GERRY DOYLE R Barber 8-10-4 ....

21 0004 SURSHINE GAL (B,CD) P Bowde 22 423P KINGTOR (CD) D Barons 5-10-0, 23 1001 MOU-DAFA M Pipe 8-10-0 (7ex). 24 4001 BELLEDING 8 CYCLE 5-10-0 28 800 JOWOODY J Francine 8-10-0 29 973/ CHARLEMOUNT C Luxton 8-10-0 31 PO-4 DAMPER J Baker 9-10-0 32 34P0 GETTING PLENTY (CD) F Gorman 7-10-0 33 900- RALA KHAN D Tucker 5-10-0 11-4 Circa, 3-1 Spider's Well, 9-2 Amedia, 8-1 Super Grass, 8-1 Royal Crafteman, 10-1 One For Mammy, 12-1 others. 2.45 LANGSTONE CLIFF HOTEL CHASE (Limited handicap: £3,028: 3m 2f 100yd) (10)

8 P-SP TRISKA (B) L Kernard 10-10-7 9 41-P 7ARVRLE 3 Partit 8-10-7 10 2102 MAGGIE DEE (CD) R Frost 8-10-7 11 041P DELATOR (CD) IV Wardle 8-10-7 12 04UN NORTH LARIE M PIDS 9-10-7 13 0U-0 CHEADLE GREEN T History 9-10-7

6-4 Broadheath, 9-4 Sacred Path, 4-1 Meister, 6-1 Maggie Dea, 12-1 Triska, 16-1 Tarville, 33-1 others. 3.15 SOUTH WEST NOVICE HURDLE (£2,500: 2m

2-1 Tangent, 5-2 Kutati's Belle, 5-1 Doddycross, 11-2 Arenz Auction, 7-1 Goose Green, 12-1 Cutting Edge. Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Esworth, 16 witners from 57 runners, 26.5%; M Pipe, 41 from 220, 18.5%; D Barrons, 16 from 122, 15.5%; J Oid, 12 from 57, 13.5%; L Kennard, 16 from 144, 13.2%; J H Baker, 13 from 102, 12.7%

7 2UPO DUDIE D McCain 6-10-5.
8 -242 MR BAKERI J Jefferson 6-10-3.
9 -539 COTTAGE LEAS (C) M Ellerby 7-10-2...
10 022U EASTER ERIG G Richards 6-10-2...
11 00-F STRAWMUL (CD) E Alston 11-18-1...
12 /FP1 DAY OF WISHES W A Stephenson 10-1

15 2002 PURPLE BEAM (CO) T Barnes 7-10-0\_ 16 04-P BARTON CROSS J Skelton 12-10-0\_

5-2 Bally-Go, 3-1 Day Of Wishes, 9-2 Easter Brig, 6-1 Clonroche Stream, 8-1 The Builder, 10-1 Mr Baker, 12-1 Others.

2.15 RENT ROLL CUP (Handicap chase: £2,008:

4 - OAU ROYAL RADAR (CD) R Gray 10-10-11 K Jones
0 4-03 BORDER KNRGHT (CD) J Haldene 11-10-6 R Exmethew
8 44FF THE HOWLET (D) K Oliver 7-10-1 JK Kinnene
1-10 GO ON JOE (CD) J Richardson 12-10-0 Mr A Orlonsy
10 3212 FRENCH NEPHEW (D) Denys Smith 5-10-0. A Smith (7)
11 - 2122 POLONG G Fairbern 9-10-0 A Marphy (7)

6-4 Border Knight, 3-1 Gowan House, 6-1 French Nachtews 8-1 Poloki, 10-1 The Howlet, 16-1 Go On Joa, 20-1 Royal Radar.

2.45 BOXING DAY NOVICE CHASE (£984: 2m 4f)

2 1140 GOWAN HOUSE (CD,SP) W A Stephenson 7-11-7

# 1401 CAREEN M Plos 6-11-10 6 30P0 WHOEVER D Birrors 4-11-0 6 30P0 WHOEVER D Birrors 4-11-0 6 442- STOLFORD (S) R POCOCK 6-10-8 7 -0F3 CATMAN (S) N MICHOEL 5-10-6 6 42F9 PORTO RIENE D TUCKER 8-10-5 10 400 ROBGEWAY GRIL J Parife 8-10-5 13 PRO GALLOIS BOSQUET C Pochem 5-10-1 14 /UOP I APPEAL D TUCKER 5-10-1 16 000- SHARAZQUER M/S S Roberts 6-10-0 10 -041 SOME MOOR R Hodges 6-10-9 6-4 CATRORS 3-1 WHORMER 1-1-3 Shokkers B Person JOCKEYS: R Dennis, 11 winners from 71 rides, 15.5%; P Nicholls, 11 from 90, 12.2%; R.Milman, 11 from 91, 12.1%; P Richards, 14 from 129, 10.9%; J Frost, 20 from 229, 8,7%. 1.45 BRADBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,693: 3m

600yd) (11)

R Sparks (7)

# SEDGEFIELD

5-4 Gold Tycoon, 7-2 Camebelle, 6-1 Royal Herbour, 6-1 Johnnams, 8-1 Lile, 10-1 Belliver Prince, 12-1 others. 1.45 CHRISTMAS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (2641: 2m 150yd) (10)

Selections By Mandarin 12.45 Mesa Kid. 1.15 Doughty Rebel. 1.45 Bally-Go. 2.15 Go on Joe. 2.45 Maggies Girl. 3.15 Hot

Going:	good to soft		
12.45 H	ARDWICK SEI	LING HANDIO	CAP HURDLE
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	0	29-3	GROUND MASTER (O) C J Ball 9-11-0 M Meanter
	6	0338	GALTRIM (CD.BF) T 8W 7-10-10 J C%lagler (7)
1	u	PUST	MESIA KIU K MOTOSII 7-18-10 (58x)
- 1	п	AZZ.	SAGE HAWA K GRAV 7-10-9
1	2	1002	PHILLY ATHLETIC (CD) J Kattlewell 4-10-8 S Kettlewell
•		-100	CALLANT NATING AT M Castel C 10 C
•	ž	D200	MASTER CROFT D McCain 8-10-8 A Morphy (7)
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	•	74	LANCE OF ST GEORGE J Yourmon 7-10-2
	_		Miss D Stack (7)
1	18	4443	TER CERTIFICATION F HARMON 5-10-1 Mr Relabouring
1	Ю	0-00	CARLINGFORD BAY (CD) R Gray 7-10-1 G Harker
1	М	0-00	CANONEURY FLYER G Moore 5-10-1 S Termer (7)
-	ñ	nor-	PILK N Chembertain 5-10-0 C Dennis (7)
- 7	ä	4602	DOMANUS V Thompson 8-10-0 Nr M Thompson (4)
	2	3003	BAVAL NOTATI Vennen 0-10.0
•	*		BAVAL (CD) D Yeoman 9-10-0 P A Famel (4)

7-2 Mesa Kid, 4-1 Philly Athletic, 6-1 Gods Will, 6-1 Dr mellus, 10-1 Ground Master, 12-1 Baval, 14-1 others. 1.15 ST STEPHEN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,302:

2m 4n (14)						
4 -000 RAPID BEAT W A Skipheneon 6-11-7 K Jones						
8 SPP- MOUNT RULE (CD) C J Bell 6-11-4 K Cotter (7)						
6 2PG3 DOUGHTY REBEL (CD) G Richards 5-11-3 J Homeon						
11 -000 RAMPANT R Bert 7-10-16						
12 013- SMART JACK (CD) R Fisher 5-10-11 M Meegber						
13 -000 SRENCE PLEASE (B) M Castel 7-10-9						
15 -006 JOHNSTON'S BABY E Alston 7-10-8 M Aleton (7)						
18 1/0-6 CLANNAD R Fisher 7-10-8 J O'Gorman (7)						
18 344 ABSONANT (C.BF) Mrs G Reveloy 4-10-6 P Niven						
20 42FF SECRET LAKE J Charlion 7-10-3						
27 4000 SUNBIA D Lee 5-10-3						
22 -630 TEUCER (D) V Thompson 6-10-3 Mr M Thompson (4)						
24 0-00 WORTHY KNIGHT S McLeen 5-10-0 Mr A Orkniy						
25 S-00 COPY WRITER (8) R Gray 6-10-0						
11-10 Doughty Rebel, 7-2 Smart Jack, 5-1 Absorant, 8-1						
11-10 Doughty Rebel, 7-2 Smart Jack, 5-1 Absorant, 8-1 Clannad, 10-1 Secret Lake, 12-1 Rapid Beat, 14-1 others.						

Course specialists TRAINERS: J Fizigeraid, 8 winners from 46 numers, 17.4%; Mrs G Reveley, 10 from 58, 17.2% Denys Smith, 30 from 186, 18.1%; R Fisher, 22 from 138, 15.9%; G Richards, 15 from 111 ,13.5%; W A Stephenson, 46 from 342, 13.4%.

JOCKEYS: P Niver. 11 winners from 39 ridge, 28.2%; R Earnshew, 11 from 68, 16.2%; K Jones, 12 from 104, 11.5%.

10 -048 HISTORIC HOUSE M Elierby 11-11-7 Mr M Thompson (4)
13 0013 KERSIL J Swiers 9-11-7 — JK Kingne
14 0-F LAKELAND LAD S Payne 7-11-7 — JK Kingne
15 1322 MAGGESS GRIL Denys Swish 7-11-7 — A Swish (7)
16 12/P SHARP TOR M W Easterby 8-11-7 — R Earnship
21 4440 WELSH SPIRIT W A Saprierson 7-11-1 Mr D. Schenger (2) 3.15 MORDON NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £548: 1 P00 ALBERT THE GREAT R Gray 10-12 P A Ferred (4)
2 9 BOANE MUIT Debys Smith 10-12 A Smith (7)
3 0 CRCLS BEAR R Swiers 10-12 Mr S Swiers (7)
4 2 HOTPLATE D McCain 10-12 K Boelen
5 SOLSTITUAL SONG Mrs O Reveley 10-12 P Nivan

R 5-4 Hotplate, 11-4 Bonne Nuit, 9-2 Solstittal Song, 8-7 Circus Best, 12-1 Albert The Great.

1 0-14 IMPAGE 8 Leadbetter 0-11-12 4 PPFP ANOTHER GEAR W A Stephenson 8-11-7 5 APP ENIG CTRALGOWHER R Barr 18-11-7 6 APP CHAMP CHICKEN D McCain 7-11-7 7 -PGP CHORAL SUBPRISE V Thompson 6-11-7

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_	94 7-1	FORM BEAU RANGER (11-3) 3nd, failed to quicken, beaten 3% to I Haventalight (10-11) at Chettenham (3m 11, 27700, good, Dec 5, 6 ran.) BOLANDS CROSS (11-1) won well 15t from Clera Mountain
-	77 25-1	20 To with 10th Transfer of the bester over the Light Column and Death Column
	50-1	(10-7) with VON TRAPPE (11-10) 4th beaten over 401 at Lingfield (3m, £10296, soft, Dec 6, 5 ran). COMBS DITCH yet to race this season has twice finished second in this contest, Last outing hampered by a loose
<b>0</b> 1	91 14-1	horse, earlier (11-8) won 2/ from DOOR LATCH (11-8) with FORGIVE'N FORGET (11-10) 4th beaten 71/1 at

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502	413134	TURN'EM BACK JACK (B) (T Liang) A Belley 11-5 A Carroll	73 12-1
503	1	ALARM CALL (D) (Mrs A Budge) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-0	98 75-2
504	201	FRAME INGTON COURT (L Smith) P Wateryn 11-0 P Scridemore	87 8-1
505	313	RAFFLES ROGLE (D) (D Redmile) M Camacho 11-0	00 13-2
507	4	ADBURY (BF) (Roy Bishop & Son Ltd) R Smyth 10-9 Dale McKepwn (7)	72 8-1
508	4	AGATHIST (W Du Pont III) B Pritchard-Gordon 10-9	● 99 7-2
509	00	ARABIAN BLUES (W Bradley) B Stevens 10-9	74 20-1
510	0F	BARBERSHOP QUARTET (Mrs D Pappin) P Mitchell 10-8 Mr D Berzyworth	- 20-1
511	00	DOUBLER (Mrs E Richards) H O'Neir 10-9	- 33-1
512		FRUITY O'ROONEY (D Harrison) J Sayers 10-9 C Brown	- 20-1
514	22	KING JACK (J Leef) N Henderson 10-9	92 7-2
515	0	MASNOON (A Wakinson) Denya Smith 10-9	16-1
510	00	RIVER GAMBLER (J Rolls) P Cundell 10-9 R J Bengan	71 20-1
517	040	TURN FOR TH'BETTER (V) (Mrs L Quick) J Pfitch-Heyes 10-9	65 20-1
516		WILLOW GORGE (Miss B Sanders) Miss B Sanders 10-9	33-1
118		BRIDE (J Clark) P Butter 10-4	— 33-1
520	00	POPTHORN (T Thorn) J Bridger 10-4	— 33-1 — 33-1
	-	1985: SYLVAN JOKER 11-0 R Durwoody (11-4 fav) P Mitchell 12 ran	- 00-1

FORM: ALARM CALL (10-7) won well & from Carousel Rocket (10-12) with RAFFLES ROGUE (10-12) with RAFFLE

3.15 HAVEN ABROAD HANDICAP HURDLE (23.241; 2m) (13 nur

602	1200-43	YABIS (CD,BF) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 5-11-7 P Scudamore	94	9-2
603	02DF-10	HYPNOSIS (CD) (Maj O Snell) D Elsworth 7-11-1 C Brown	98	5-1
604	777-100	OHYX MENOR (CD) (R Trumper) 8 Mellor 6-11-1	97	12-1
605	03121/	POLAR BEAR (D) (Mrss C McCulloch) O Sherwood 8-11-0 S Sherwood		12-1
607	433000-	TERRYASH (D) (S Brown) J Francome 7-10-11 S de Hean	95	14-1
609	1000-10	ADMIRALS RULER (D) (W Ponsonby) F Walvyn 6-10-10	96	10-1
	214/8-00	YOUNG NICHOLAS (D) (B Durhern) N Henderson 5-10-8	<b>9</b> 29	
ווט	2314-53	JRINY LORENZO (J De Mestre) P Hadger 4-10-2	98	18-1 18-1
612	PP-723P	LIFE GUARD (C) (J Joseph) D Eleworth 5-10-0	98	16-1
<b>014</b>	UZ-T-J/U	EASTER LEE (DJSF) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 8-10-0		F7 2
<b>615</b>	12/32-03	APPUL PRINCE (P FOWISH F Winter 5-10-0 V Kennady (7)	01	18-1
617	DUTUPP-	EL GALLEO (D) (J South) J Jenkins 4-10-0 R Rowe	85	20-1
		1985: YABIS 4-10-8 P Scudemore (T-1) J Edwards 10 ran		

23	BICKE	RTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,986: 2m 4f) (10 runners)	
1	20-40F0	ENO FOREVER (V,D) (A McCluskey) M H Easterby 6-11-12	96 —
-	01-112	WITHY BANK (D,BF) (L Smith) M H Easterby 4-11-4 L Wyer	96 F2-1
	2-38111	STRING PLAYER (D) (F H Lee) F H Lee 4-11-4 (5ex) S Holland	92 9-4
	7 1F-0003	OLD NICK (D) (J Hunson) J Hanson 5-11-3 C Grant	83 12-1
- 1	11-0004	SECRET WALK (D) (Hetheway Roofing Ltd) W A Staphenson 5-10-6 R Lamb	94 14-1
1	3/38000-	CANCOHNAGE (Brien Yeardley) E Carter 5-10-5 M Popper	97
13	2 0-00022	HARLEY (Miss J Eston) Miss J Eston 6-10-1	● 98 8-1
14	21100-P	ASTRAL LADY (CD) (Mrs C Dook) Mrs C Dook 5-10-0 D Shew	<b>95</b> 8-1
1/	S 19140-00	BUFILEY HILL LAD (D) (B Cahin) P Blockley 8-10-0	<b>91</b> 10-1
- 10	00400	EALLI SPRINGS (R Woodhouse) R Woodhouse 4-10-0	84
•		1985: SHEPHERD'S HYMM 4-10-9 R Crank (4-1) T BR 6 ran	
3.0	ROWLA	ND MEYRICK HANDICAP CHASE (£7,293; 3m 100yd) (8 runners)	
1	PP-2212	CYBRANDIAN (I Bray) M H Easterby 8-11-13 L Wyer	00 4-1
4	0F11-04	THE THINKER (T P S McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 8-11-5 R Lamb	83 10-1
8	1323-10	STRANDS OF GOLD (CO) (Independent Twine) J Fitzgereid 7-10-10 C Grant	
- 7	1100-03	CROSS MASTER (Herlow Bros) T Bill 9-10-9 R Crank	88 6-1
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		CROSS MASTER (Herlow Bros) T Bill 9-10-9R Crank	28 6-	1
6	1F02-10	THE LANGHOLM DYER (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 7-10-8 P Teck	● 00 S-	2
		REPRIGTON (C) (J Gliman) N Crump 6-10-4 (Best)	98 3-	
		GRINDERS (CD,BF) (Neecherns Butchers) E Carter 6-10-0	24 8-	1
13	FF2PF-3	KUDOS (J Blundell) J W Blundell 11-10-0	<b>86 20</b> -	1
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BOXING	G DAY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£685: 2m) (13 runners)	
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110P01	ATKINSONS (D) (Mrs T Meicatie) G Flichards 5-11-2 (Tex)	97 F5-2
000-1	MOSSBERRY FAIR (D) (R Dingen) W Heigh 5-10-7 C Hewkins	89 7-2
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OF-0 BR GARDINER (F Barlow) M Nauphton 11-0

ROCKMARTIN (M D M Racing Ltd) C Thomson 11-0

OZF RODNEY BAY (R Scott) J Blundeil 11-0

ROSSKOVA (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 11-0

SDINE CASH (J Berr) Mrs J Berr 11-0

2 SPARK OF PEACE (B Cahil) P Blockley 11-0

TRESIDDER (Hippodromo Racing) M W Easterby 11-0

32 WEARDALE (W Robinson) Denys Smith 11-0

DON'T DESPAIR (J R Turner) J R Turner 10-9

40 WARCHANT (E Wilkinson) R Whitaker 10-3

1985: (Div 1) OLD NICK 11-0 R O'Leery 7-2 J H: 88 ---**85** 10-1 .. R Leab 92 ---.... L Wyer - 14-1 \_\_ C Grant • 98 4-1 Miss A Bear Bestsmont (7) .... M Pepper 1985: (Div 1) OLD NICK 11-0 R O'Leary 7-2 J Hanson 11 ren. (Div II) DONNA FARINA 4-10-2 Mr J Quinn 14-1 G Richards 9 ran. 1,30 TOWNTON HANDICAP CHASE (£3,785: 2m 4f) (8 runners) ● 99 F6-4 98 5-1 82 20-1 1985: (3m 100yd) MRSTY SPIRIT 6-10-2 A Stringer (7-4 jt-fev) D Lee 4 ran 2.0 JOHN HAGGAS MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE (£3,882: 3m 100yd) (5 runners) . L. Wyer

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#### RACING

# Bradley in confident mood for big race

By John Dorman

"I didn't give him u prayer last year. On the day it was an unbelievable performance, especially on that heavy ground," said Graham Bradley, the down-to-earth Yorkshireman who rode Wayward Lad to a thrilling victory hy a neck over Combs victory by a neck over Combs Ditch in the King George IV

Chase 12 months ago.

"He won over hurdles on heavy going as a five-year-old but we always thought he was a top of the ground horse. In my opinion last year's King George was his best performance ever,"

Bradley said.
Bradley rides Wayward Lad again on Boxing Day, and although he is more confident than last year, be's certainly not complacent. There are some very good horses and I think it very good noises and I think it's a very open race. Wnyward Lad is spot on now and has an excellent chance, but Forgive'N Forget is the big danger and will take a lot of begting

roiget is the big danger and will take a lot of beating.

I know that Peter Scudamore thinks the world of Bolands Cross, and you can never discount Combs Ditch.

Another borse I rate very highly in Done I stell I was now him. is Door Latch. I won on him at Sandown when he was a novice and I've always been impressed by bim, even though he makes the odd mistake."

Wayward Lad is currently the

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9-2 second favourite for the Cking George which Bradley reckons is about right. "He's 11 years old now, and he's getting a bit lazy at bome, so he oeeds

races to get him fit.

"He wasn't fully wound up at
Wetherby earlier in the season, and at Doncaster two weeks ago he was giving away two stone. Nevertheless after we hit the front I thought he would trot up, hut he hit the last hard and got a bit tired. Yes, I did take some flack after that race and some of it was justified, but persocally I was very pleased with the way

What of Bradley himself, reckoned by many to be the most stylisb jump jockey in the business, but who gets fewer rides than his peers because of his inability to do the low

weights?
"I've had 28 winoers already this season, so by my standards I'm flying! I missed the first month of the season because I was riding to the United States, and then I was out for another items. fortnight with s broken wrist, At the moment I can ride at 10st 7lb without having to spend too much time in the sauna, and that suits me well. I'm going for

quality rather than quantity."
In 1983, Bradley won that famous Cheltenham Gold Cup on Bregawn when Michael Dickinson saddled the first five home. This year, riding Way-ward Lad, he was beaten on the run-in by the great mare Dawn

Run. Wayward Lad will, if all goes well, be aimed at Cheltenham again next March. For the momeot, however, thoughts are on the King George, and be is quietly confident. "There's nooe better than Wayward Lad on his day."

# Two-week ban for Carmody

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Tommy Carmody, the champion jump jockey in Ireland, will be watching holiday racing from the grandstand as a result of an adjourned joquiry held by the stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee yesterday afternoon.

Carmody had been referred on to them by the stewards at Punchestown as they were oot satisfied with his riding of Dromoland Lad, who fioished second there to Bushbury Fox.

Having heard evidence and seen the video recording of the-race, the stewards suspended Carmody for two weeks, effective immediately. They suspended the horse for a month and imposed a £500 fine on his trainer, John Mulbern, for his failure to report that the horse had broken a blood vessel at Punchestown earlier in the year. Ironically, Mulhern is one of the main sponsors at the Leopardstown Christmas meeting in his role as managing director of Clayton Love Ltd.

The hig attraction at Leopardstown on Boxing Day will be a re-match between Barrow Line and Weather The Storm in the £15,000 Denoys Gold Medal Novices' Chase.

At level weights over 21/4 At level weights over 21/4 miles at Fairyhouse, Barrow Line beat Weather The Storm by 21/4 lengths. Now he has to give 8th away and the shorter trip should suit Weather The Storm slightly the heart University of the shorter trip. Storm slightly the better. How-ever, I was much impressed by the jumping of Barrow Line and believe him to be the best novice chaser seen in Ireland so far this

The Duffy Meats Juvenile Hurdle is the most valuable three-year-old hurdle on the lrish calendar and invariably provides some clues to the Triumph Hurdle.

inose who have won over jumps, the pick nppear to be Broussard and Grabel. The former looked something special when going right away from his rivals in the straight at Fairyhouse to beat Demon Frite the eight lenoths. Of those who have won over by eight lengths.

Mick O'Toole believes that blinkers will make a big dif-ference to Full Flow but a bigger danger to Broussard could be the German-bred Simplon who won a well-contested race on the final day of the Irish Flat season here at Leopardstown.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engage-ments (dead): Rose Gallice, Orchard Mist, Brief Chance, Tarchin, Forever Young, Lucky Voxen, Such Is Life, Royscript.

# WINCANTON

Selections

By Mandarin 12.30 Perfect Double. 1.00 Bishops Yarn (if abs Clara Mountain). 1.30 Pucks Place. 2.00 Lochrun. 2.30 Fredwel. 3.00 Abu Kadra.

1.0 BOXING DAY HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,124: 20

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I	1 1P/P- STRAIGHT ACCORD F Walkeyn 11-11-10 S Shilliston
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1	7 -040 THE COUNTY STONE Miss. I Thomas 9-10, 10 of Manager
i	11 -303 LICOV PEN CONT Code 44 44
	13 4040 BR31EH LUNGUT (BF) FI HOODES 8-10-0
	7-4 Clara Mountain, 7-2 Allied Newcastle, 0-1 The County Stone, 13-2 Straight Accord, 8-1 Lucky Rew, 10-1 others
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1.30 STIRRUP CUP NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE

(£829: 2m) (21)
1 0-23 PUCKS PLACE (BF) N Gasalog 5-11-10 O Browne
3 F/O- TINAHUE ANGEL G Dodge 7-11-8 5 0/13 SUPER SPARK (D.BF) S Christian 7-11-1 K Mooney
7 7-20 BLOW MY 10P K Holder 7-11-0
12 PROS GI FUCCOMBON I Private 5 10 D
14 4004 POLAR GLEN R Hodges 5-10-0
14 4004 POLAR GLEN R Hodges 5-10-0
13 040 INCOL MAGEEN MESS P D COMPOR 5-10-4
22 0/0- LYSITHEA T Buttin 5-10-1.
24 -OF3 CATMAN (R) N Mitchell 5-10-0 Hb T Mitchell (7)
25 0040 CAROL'S MUSIC A James 5-10-0
29 2030 HOUNSTOUT J Roberts 6-10-0. K Townsend (7)
30 POD GALLOIS BOSQUET C Prinham 5-10-0
31 24-2 GOOSE GREEN W R WRIGHTS 8-10-0
32 04/0- MAGUS G Pike 6-10-0 Judy Blakeney (7)
2-1 Pucks Place, 3-1 Super Spark, 5-1 Ryans Dove, 13-2 Blow My Top, 8-1 Poter Glen, 10-1 Rusty Roc, 18-1 others
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# WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Fort Rupert. 1.15 Star Of Ireland. 1.45 Aldro. 2.15 Cantabile. 2.45 Spartan Orient. 3.15 Levantine Rose.

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DICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: 1 1010 SWING TO STEEL M Pipe 12-2 2 0-10 BEL COURSE (CD,BF) Mrs M Rimell 12-1

5 144 SICRIAN PASSAGE (D) D Nicholson 11-2
W Hearnphreys (7)
9 104- BABY SIGH R Francis 11-2
7 01-0 CLERIMONT LANE (D) M Tate 11-1
8 4010 TASHONYA (D) S Wels 11-0
W Morris
1 107-0 LONDON LEADER (D) PR Los 10-15
2 0002 CAPSTRANO PRINCE (D) F Gray 10-13
2 0002 CAPSTRANO PRINCE (D) F Gray 10-13
2 000 BUTTS BAY J Old 10-9
15 2000 BUTTS BAY J Old 10-9
16 1644 NARIEER (D) W Clay 10-8
0 Dinne Clay (7)
17 4230 WALMER SANDOS J Spearing 10-7
19 0U13 COCKALORIM (D) K Morgan 10-3
21 04-P SHAPMATE D Ancil 10-1
2 32-3 DUDI EY'S STAR MIS M Bevan 10-0
2 30-9
3 0U04 ANITA'S APPLE P Felipate 10-0
2 30-9
3 0U04 CASTLANEERIO B Garnodigu 10-0
S Johnson 27 000 JUST SMOKEY W Morris 10-0
5 007-CASTLANEERIO B Garnodigu 10-0
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BY Cambridge (4)
5-2 Spanish Reel, 7-2 Fort Rupert, 9-2 Bel Course, 6-1

5-2 Spanish Reel, 7-2 Fort Rupert, 9-2 Bel Course, 6-1 Swing to Steel, 8-1 London Leader, 12-1 others. WALSALL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,465: 2)

1 41-P CASSIO Lt. (D) T Casey 7-12-0 E Buckley (4)
2 01-2 STAR OF IRELAND (D) G Price 8-11-13
4 2042 DEADLY GOING (D) K Bridgester 8-11-10
W Worthington W Worthington

O F430 MARCELLING A J Wison 10-11-7 S Dowling (7)

\$ 5000 AMAL LEES HOPE (B.D) G Roe 5-11-6 P McDermot (7)

10 0-41 ORBITAL MANOEUVERS (D) S McMahon 5-11-9 (7ex) 10 0-41 ORBITAL MANDEUVERS (D) S McMahon 5-11-5 (7ex)
12 3000 MARINERS DREAM (D) R Hollinchead 5-11-4. P Dever
13 -210 CRUDEN BAY (CD) P Feignis 6-10-13. S Johnson
14 4-00 STORMY MONARCH (D) G H Jeose 5-10-13. G Johnson
16 010F TRAFFITANZI (D) R Lee 5-10-12.
17 -020 BATOH MATCH (D) J Etwards 0-10-11. P Barton
18 2900 UNRHOC W G Morris 7-10-10. W Monts
19 1-12 I WONDER WINEN (D)(BF) G Price 5-10-7.
20 0221 HODAKA (D) B Cambridge 9-10-7.
21 01-0 END OF THE ROAD (B,D) J Perrett 6-10-7.
23 /90- MY CHALLENGE (D) K Gridgwater 8-10-6. W Knox (A)
24 4/01 OUTLAW (D) J Edwards 7-10-3. W Knox (A)
25 00/4 TEEJAY (D) P Bevan 7-10-3. C Smith
26 000 ROYAL CHARGE (D) Nos M Bevan 7-10-1. C Smith
29 000 ROYAL CHARGE (D) Nos M Bevan 7-10-1. M Bastard
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4-1 Star Of Instand, 9-2 | Wonder When, 5-1 Orbital nocuvers, 11-2 Hodaka, 0-1 Baton Match, 10-1 others. 1.45 HARRY BROWN CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £4,162: 2m 4f) (7)

2 1334 VOICE OF PROGRESS (D) D Nicholson 8-11-10 3 0P-3 CARVED OPAL (CD) F Wilstor 6-10-12. Mr C Brooks (4) 5 4122 ADMIRAL'S CUP (B) F Winter 8-10-7

# MARKET RASEN

Selections By Mandarin

12.45 Doon Venture. 1,15 Mick's Star. 1.45 Jesto. 2.15 Kevinfort. 2.45 Comeragh King. 3.15 All

12.45 RISBY SELLING HURDLE (£681: 2m) (20

3-1 Reef Guilt, 9-2 Tara Dencer, 5-1 Friendly See, 7-1

1.15 BRUCE CARR NOVICE CHASE (£2,376: 3m)

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1 0-11 ALKEPA O Moore 0-12-3 BHammond
2 F023 GRIGHT SHERRIFF O Brennan 7-11-0 M Bevenue
4 20-F DEEP SOUTH JIMMY Fitzperald 7-11-9 J J Cultum
5 0-42 MCK'S STAR (BF) M W Essterty 0-11-5 A Stringer
7 PADF
5 200F MIGHTY DISASTER W Kern 8-11-0 F Henchicks
9 2214 PRINCE METTERNICH C Bell 5-11-0 Mr J Osborne
11 PU/0 GOLDROY R PERCOK 7-11-2 K Berkey
12 -048 HSTORIC HOUSE M Elerby 11-11-2 K Berkey
13 -373 JON PPER 8 Morgan 6-11-2 C Prince (7)
14 PABLTON PARK J Blunder 0-11-2 C Dutton
15 YOUR DEAD RIGHT R Woodhouse 5-10-10 T
15 YOUR DEAD RIGHT R Woodhouse 5-10-10 SCARLET STAR SHOWN SHOW 7-2 Mick's Star. 9-4 Alkapa, 7-1 Prince Metternich, 8-1 Mighty Disaster, 10-1 Deep South, 14-1 Bright Sheriff.

1.45 KILVINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (22,148)

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1	4030	TOPHAMS TAVERNS (5,C,D) G Moore 5-12-3	
		M Hamsond	
2	3000	COMEDY FAIR M H Easterby 0-12-3	
3		POUR ELEMENT (C) J (SKIS 3-11-10 o n Come (/)	
3		JESTO Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-2 J J Onion	
10		CAMIONNAGE E Carer 5-10-8	
12			
13	P-04	IONIGHT'S HEM H WINING 5-10-4	
14		PADTION (C-D) M CREATER 6-10-0	
15		PEAGE 12KMS U NGNUGS 4-10-2	
17		HICKO ING SOURCE (C) W Wheeton 4-10-0 O Mornhy	
19	0220	SHAGAYLE (B,D) C Seil 4-10-0 Mr J Cabome (7)	
20	-100	FINALE SEPT (C) # Fleming 0-10-0	
21	0-30	MR STEADFAST (C) J Leigh 4-10-0 P Blackburn	
22	2314	KAM HILL O Brennan 4-10-0 (7ex) M Srennen	
25		REGAL TOUCH Mrs S Austin 8-10-0	
27	P/00	KING OF STRESS (C) J Harris 0-10-0 JA Harris	
26			
.4	-1 JE	isto, 11-2 Peace Terms, 8-1 Cornedy Pair, 7-1	
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2.0 HANGOVER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,880: 2m) 5 9-10 ROMANY NIGHTSHADE (D,SF) T Forster 10-11-7

7 -231 LOCHRUN (CD) Mos J Plantan 7-11-4 M Parrett
9 -134 AKRAM (CD,8F) R Hodges 8-11-1 M Parrett
10 830/ INLERITYAN CASTLE (0) F Walwyn 10-10-12
K Mooney 15-8 Lochrun, 11-4 Romany Nightshade, 3-1 Kilonttain Castle, 4-1 Akram 2.30 HARRY DUFOSEE HANDICAP CHASE 

3-1 Perhaps Lucky, 4-1 Harvest Forune, 5-1 Fradwel, 13-2
Ardent Spy, 7-1 Galesburg, 9-1 North Lane, 10-1 The Floorisyer
3.0 CORAL, GOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE (qualifier: £3,388: 2m 6f) (22)

3-1 Abu Kadra, 9-2 Red Rocky, 6-1 Atrabates, 7-1 Model Pupit, 8-1 Vino Festa, 10-1 Bonanza Boy, 20-1 others Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs J Pitman, 15 winners from 62 runners, 25.8%; F Walwyn, 17 from 73, 23.3%; T Forster, 14 from 129, 10.8%; K Bishop, 8 from 74, 10.8%. JOCKEYS: K Mooney, 15 winners from 80 rides, 16.3%. (Only

# Trainers' preferences

The following is a list of preferences for those horses doubly declared for Boxing Day meetings. horses doubly declared for Boxing Day meetings. Hantingdon: 12.45, Polar Ice; 1.45, Byways Boy, Croghan Star; 2.45, Hope End, Tierenee. Kempton: 1.40, Gallant Buck. Market Rasen: 1.15, Historic House; 3.15, Music Season. Newton Abbot: 2.15, Cima, Prince's Drive, Super Grass, Royal Craftsman, Gerry Doyle. 3.15 Goose Green. Sedgefield: 1.15, Silence Please; 2.45, Golden Tuppence. Wetherby: 1.30, Bishops Yarn; 2.30, Cammionnage, Burley Hill Lad; 3.0, Cybrandian, Cross Master: 3.35, Loddon Lad, Skyboot, Melway Boy; Wincanton: 12.30, Chatty Lass; 1.30, Rowlands Lad, Catman, Gallois Bosquet; 2.30: Harvest Fortune, North Lane. Wolverhampton: 12.45; Sicilian Passage, Annie Wolverhampton: 12.45: Sicilian Passage, Annie Ra; 1.45, Voice Of Progress; 2.15, Golden Destiny; 3.15, Aughwilliam.

14 1113 HOPE IBNO (D) R Dickin 6-10-0... 19 -021 ALDRO W Clay 10-10-0... 22 063F THERENEE (CO) T BM 8-10-0... 23 8414 ALICE'S BOY R Francis 5-10-0. 6-4 Carved Opal, 3-1 Voice of Progress, 7-2 AdmiraTe Cup, 8-1 Aldro, 10-1 Alice's Boy, 12-1 others,

2.15 DEEPFIELDS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE

(£1,415; 2m) (14)
1 -833 CRADLE OF JAZZ J Old 8-11-11
2 1104 FLIGHT SHEET (O) P J Jones 10-11-9 C Mene
4 -FOF JUVENILE PRINCE M Oliver 6-11-2.
5 02.0 MOREO A Mrs M Directi 7.11.0 A Charma
7 P022 SHANNE O O'Nell 7-10-10 C Smith
7 PO22 SHANNIE O O'Nell 7-10-10
8 04-0 SPERIAMO (BF) Mrs W Sykes 7-10-9 S Morshend
TU -400 MISTER PERTINDIS (BJT) J KING 5-10-0 5 MCH88
1) 40-0 BILLILLOV K BRIGIWARE 5-10-2
12 0-FF GERAMI J Edwards 6-10-1 W Knox [4]
13 0440 SPARTAN NATIVE A W Jones 6-10-0
14 -FOS MOBLE BLADE (B) A Nightingale 7-10-0 M Caswell
15 -000 GOLDEN DESTRY K Morgan 7-10-0
9-4 Cantabile, 3-1 Shennie, 9-2 Spartan Native, 8-1
Speriamo, 10-1 Homeola, 12-1 Mister Feathers, 14-1 others.

2.45 OLDBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,679: 3m 1f)

1	0.03	CROSS MASTER (D) T BE 6-12-7	7.0	_
3	-321	KING JO Mrs M Rimet 0-11-7		_
10	F/FF	SPARTAN ORIENT J King 10-10-0 (8ex) KING HUSTLER W Clay 9-10-0		
14	/POP	TOUCOR D Anoil 8-10-0	W M	arts.
		ng Jo. 3-1 Spertan Orient, 7-2 Cross der, 12-1 Come On Sonny, 20-1 others.	Master,	5-1

3.15 WREKIN NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£834:

2m 4f) (17)
1 130 LODDON LAD D Nicholson 4-11-12
3 1100 BERNSH LADY (D) P Bevan 5-11-3
B -000 SILENCE PLEASE (B) M Castell 7-10-13. J D Doyle (4
7 2-0 AUGHWILLIAM D Gandotto 6-10-13 P Berto
7 2-0 AUGHWILLIAM D Gandolto 6-10-13
9 334 DONAVAN'S CHOICE F Winter 4-10-11 J Dunga
10 0-42 HARLEY STREET MAN C Jackson 5-10-10 R Hyer
13 0-PO GALTERIO A J Wilson 4-10-7
14 200P VIRGINIA PAGEANT F Gray 4-10-7
1S 3013 ANOTHER NORFOLK S McMahon 5-10-0
20 0-03 CROCHAN STAR F C Lees 5-10-4
21 0030 SMITHY'S CHOICE (B) Mrs A Howitt 4-10-4 M Williams
23 00-3 LEVANTINE ROSE M Pipe 0-10-2
27 -000 ARTESIUM M Williamson 4-10-0
29 00-0 BILL CORNWALL Mrs   McKie 7-10-0
30 02/2 ERRIGAL R Hollinshead 6-10-0 P Deve
33 00/0- POLAR ICE J Harris 10-10-0
8-1 Harley Street Man, 7-2 Donavan's Choice, 4-1 Anothe

#### 8-1 Harrey Street wall, 7-2 Dollarvall & Cricics, 4-1 All Vorfolk, 11-2 Aughwilliam, 7-1 Bernish Lady, 10-1 others. Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs M Rimell 28 winners from 107 runners, 24.3%; F Winter 5 from 21, 23.6%; J Edwards 15 from 66, 19.7%; J Spearing 10 from 72, 13.9%; O Nicholson 5 from 70, 11.4% (only five qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: S Morshead 26 winners from 131 rides, 19.8%; P Barton 7 from 69, 10.1% (only two qualifiers).

2.15 CECIL HAGUE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,728:

2 -203 KEVINSFORT (CD, BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-7 4 121/ TARTAN TRADER (D) G Richards 9-10-8. J R Quinn (7)
5 1230 (MAPANY (CD, BF) R Robinson 7-10-7
7 922 PRICE OF PEACE C Bell 6-10-5. Bir J Osborne (7)
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1 St Gabriel, 12-1 Moondawn, Arizona Dust.

Course specialists TRAINERS: Mrs M Dickinson, 12 winners from 22 runners, 54.5%; G Richards, 17 from 58, 29.3%; M H Easterby, 27 from 68, 28.1%; J Fitzgerald, 26 from 124, 22.5%; J Blundell, 20 from 157, 12.0%; G Brennan, 17 from 152 11.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Hammond, 10 winners from 44 rides, 22.7%; 0 Dutton, 27 from 175, 15.4%; M Brennan, 20 from 221, 9.0%.

# Belgian raider

Top Belgian stayer, Kuwait Mutar, represents Ostend trainer Charles Guest in Friday's Wings Handicap Hurdle at Kempton Park. The four-year-old, who was originally trained at Epsom by John Sutcliffe, has made the trip be-

cause there are no suitable races for him in Belgium. The Kempton authorities are paying towards the cost of the travelling expenses if the horse does not win the equivalent amount in prize

Bowl two years ago.

Mitchell Platts remembers the year of Ballesteros, Nicklaus and Norman

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# The triumphant triumvirate proudly carry the standard

The Triumvirate lived in 1986. Not Braid, Taylor and Vardon, of course, but Ballesteros, Nicklaus and Norman.

Severiano Ballesteros, a US tour Severiano Ballesteros, a US tour outcast because of a one-year suspension, took the European circuit hy the scruff of the neck. He won a record six times, including tying for the Lancôme Trophy with Bernhard Langer, and he officially earned £242,208 for first place in the Epson Order of Merit.

Jack Nicklans, arguably the finest golfer in the history of the game, erupted once more. He flowered again among the azaleas and the dogwood at Augusta where, for a record sixth time he was crowned the US Masters champion.

crowned the US Masters champion. Greg Norman came of age at 31. Victory in the Open championship at Turnberry provided the Australian with his first major championship. He be-came only the second overseas golfer in US tour history to lead the money-list. He competed four times in Britain (the Open, Panasonic European Open, Dunhill Cup and Suntory World match-play championship) and he won on each occasion. For good measure he com-pleted the year with four victories in his

native country.

So if professional golf enters 1987 with one vexing question to be answered it is quite simply: who is the No 1 golfer in the world today?

#### Norman brushed with immortality

The computer categorically declares it to be Norman. In the Sony world rankings he now has 1,216 points which places him 193 points ahead of Langer. Ballesteros (1,003) is third and Nicklans (392) is 23rd. Most certainly if the difference between greatness and immortality in golf is measured in strokes per round then there can be no question that Norman came within a dozen hits, maybe even a dozen extra

revolutions of that 1.68 ball, of establishing himself in 1986 as a true demi-god of the game.

He lost the US Masters by one stroke, the US Open hy six and the US PGA championship by two. He had led all three, as he did in the Open, moving into the Colon of the Co the final round. In other words he missed achieving the "Grand Slam" by matter of inches.

The modern day "Grand Slam" as opposed to the two Opens and two Amateur titles that Bohhy Jones won in 1930, consists of the US Masters, US Open, British Open and US PGA championship. Ben Hogan won three titles in 1953 and Nicklaus threatened to write another chapter in his astonishing career when he began 1972 hy winning the US Masters and the US Open, He, bowever, was a victim in the Open of Lee Trevino's miraculous recoveries at Muirfield.

In truth the "Grand Slam" remains out of reach because even the greatest of golfers are human. For instance Norman paid the ultimate penalty for taking a rowdy spectator to task during the US fronted the guilty individual, but he was betrayed by his emotions in much the same way as a galaxy of golfers down the years have forfeited the chance of greatness by becoming impatient victims of a delay on the tee or the click of a

There is no reason for any individual to be ashamed of such irrational losses of concentration for it is a natural occurrence in sport or, for that matter, in



Life in the dogwoods for an old dog: Nicklaus, the Augusta Master again

any walk of life. In golf the strain on an individual's control can be exhausting both in mental and physical terms.

That goes some way to explaining how Ballesteros, bowling along in front as if he had nothing to fear, suddenly toppled in Devon Loch style by hitting his second shot into the water at the 15th hole at Augusta in April when the US Masters was his for the taking.

It led to one observer after another attempting to unravel the mystery behind such a catastrophic and unlikely blow. The most popular theory, and one that is acceptable and understandable, is that Ballesteros' thoughts momentarily wandered back to the death two months earlier of his father. He was no longer cocooned in concentration, but marooned on a wide expanse of fairway in Georgia and after 68½ glorious holes in that championship, there is little doubt that one lapse cost for him the ultimate

Nicklans, of course, was the beneficiary of Ballesteros's demise. Even so, he won the 20th major championship of his illustrious career with a spectacular sequence of six birdies and one eagle in the last nine rivetting holes. He was doing that in 1962 when Ballesteros was five years old and Norman was seven. Nicklaus continues to win at the highest level and while he might not outlast Ballesteros or Norman, as he has done

the likes of Miller, Trevino, Weiskopf and Wintson, there is no doubt that his US Masters victory antomatically atretched his reign as the king of this

Ballesteros, without n major championship success since the Open at St Andrew's in 1984, and Norman, undonbtedly the Golfer of the Year in 1986, remain the pretenders to the

throne even if already they must start to look over their own shoulders. Ray Floyd's victory in the US Open in June was a success for experience, but Bob Tway later emerged in the most dramatic fashion hy holing a bunker shot at the last to overcome Norman for the US PGA championship. Tway is the latest American candidate for stardom, while in Europe Jose-Maria Olazabal is

undoubtedly the most exciting prospect to emerge since Ballesteros.

In global terms the performances of Rodger Davis (Australia), Mark Mc-Nulty (Zimbabwe) and Tommy Naka-jima (Japan), who between them won more than 20 tournaments must be

Gordon J Brand's achievement in finishing runner-op in the Open has not received the attention it deserved and Sandy Lyle should not be too concerned following a year in which be moved into new territory by winning for the first time ou American soil in the Greater

Greensboro Open. Lyle failed to win in Europe, while Howard Clark (Madrid and Spanish Open) and David Feherty (Italian and Bell's Scottish Open) were both double winners, but the 1985 British Open champion can be expected to recover his poise in 1987 when Nick Faldo and Paul Way will surely leave behind their recent disappointing performances. I also expect Ken Brown to make more significant progress after another satisfactory season on the US Tour.

#### A £1m milestone for WPGA tour

Elsewhere Laura Davies, who finished No 1 in the Ring and Brymer Order of Merit on the WPGA tour in 1985 when she made her debut as a professional, retained that position with the help of winning the British women's Open at Royal Birkdale, Miss Davies, aged 23, has given the tour an enormous boost with her prodigious hittiog, but the important point to be recognized from 1986 is the general improvement in the standard of play. The £1 million tour is now here and each and every member of the WPGA has played a positive part in making that milestone possible.

The highlights of 1987, spart from the major championships, will clearly be the Ryder and Walker Cnp matches al-though in 1986, even if I have left it to last, there can be no question that the performance of the year was that in which Great Britain and Ireland wrested the Curtis Cup from the iron-like clutch of the United States.

In winning by a 13-5 margin at Prairie Dunes, Kansas, Great Britain and Ireland not only obtained their first success in the match since 1956, but the first hy any British golfing team on the other side of the Atlantic. Diane Bailey, the captain, most certainly inspired the team and she was justifiably proud of all her players who included Belle Robertson, aged 50, and Mary McKenna, who made a record eighth appearance at the

# No replacement for PGA's Snape

The Professional Golfers Association (PGA) will not be filling the post of executive director, recently vacated by PGA south region, will handle the PGA European Tour will have £180,000 prize money nt stake. Details announced yesterday cover a schedule of three Colin Snape. Instead the existing management team at the Belfry headquarters will control PGA affairs and those of the Women's Professional Golf Association (WPGA), of which

Soape was also executive The PGA secretary Malcolm Hulley will head the team, with Bill Done continuing in bis role

Chairman Derek Nash, commenuing on the decision, said: The board decided to show its confidence in its present staff who have served the association admirably in the past. We anticipate the moves will end any further speculation about n new executive director of the PGA and WPGA."

The move means the PGA will save around £50,000 a year as finance secretary. Sandy
Jones acting as regions and
tournaments secretary. Chris
Gotla, formerly in charge of the
Safari golf circuit organised by

Miami led 27-20 early in the

fourth quarter when Marino completed a 19-yard touchdown pass to Mark Clayton. New

WILD-CARD GAME: Sunday: New York Jets (10-6-0) v Kansas City Chiefs (10-6-0).

SEMI-FINALS: January 3: Cleveland Browns (12-4-0) v New York Jets or Kansas City. January 4: Denver Broncos (11-5-0) v New England Patnots (11-5-0).

National conference WILD-CARD (AME: Sunday: Washington Redsions 112-4-0) v Los Angeles Rams (10-5-0). SEMI-FINALS: January 3 and 4: Chicago Bears (14-2-0) v Washington Redsions or San Francisco 48ers (10-5-1); New York Clarts (14-2-0) v Los Angeles Rams or San Francisco 48ers.

AFC winners v NFC winners: January 25: At the Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California.

Eason, who led New England

to the Super Bowl last season, completed a 22-yard touchdown

pass to Morgan as the Patriots established a 13-10 advantage at

half-time. Eason's status for the

play-offs was unclear. The first half was marred by turnovers -

National conference

Conference finals

Super Bowl

AFC and NFC: January 11.

scoring toss.

major tournaments in Africa.
They are the Zimbabwe
Open, on February 19-22, at the
Royal Harare Golf Club, with a Royal Harare Golf Club, with a prize fund of approximately £50,000, the 555 Kenya Open, oo February 26-March I, at Murhaiga Golf Club. Nairobi (npproximately £70,000), and the Zambia Open, on March 5-8, at Lusaka Golf Club (£60,000). It is proposed that the West African schedule of events for a second stage of the Safari

for a second stage of the Safari golf circuit will take place late in 1987.

International for the blind The keenness and dedication of blind golfers is resulting in their first official international

match to be played at Pickett's Lock, Edmonton, on June 27-28 Terry Wallace, aged 40, the top English blind player from Castle Bromwich, who recently gained a remarkable hole in one, will contest the event along with several other lending players

from England and Scotland. The players' club, the Visually Handicapped Golfers Associ-tation, has grown to around 70

# **AMERICAN FOOTBALL**

# Grogan leaves Marino with bitter-sweet taste

By Robert Kirley

Steve Grogan, a replacement quarterback, fired a 30-yard touchdown pass to Stanley Mor-gan 44 seconds from time to give the New England Patriots the AFC East title with a 34-27 win against the Miami Dolphins in the final game of the regular season in the National Football

Grogan, who entered the game after Tony Eason sustained a shoulder injury in the second quarter, also threw a 12second quarier, also torew a 12-yard scoring pass to Tony Collins and ran for a seven-yard touchdown as last season's New England gained a play-off pos-ition against the Denver Bron-cos, the AFC West champions. Miami's run of five consecutive division championships is over and they have been excluded from the play-offs for the first time since 1980. The Dolphins were numers-up to the San Francisco 49ers in the Super

New England, who had lost 18 successive games at the Orange Bowl in Miami before the AFC championship game last season, needed to win to reach the play-offs. The result relegated the New York Jets to wild-card status and eliminated the Cin-cionati Bengals from the play-

Grogan completed 15 of 24 passes for 226 yards and was intercepted once. Dao Marino. the Dolphins' quarterback, con-nected on 23 of 39 passes for 266 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Marino also three by Miami and one by New established NFL records for England.

a look eastwards By Conrad Voss Bark An agreement has been reached between two sport fishing organizations, American and Soviet, to have annual fishing and casting competitions with each other and to spousor annual conferences of scientists completions (363) and attempts (610) in a season.

England levelled the score at 27-A deputation from the Ameri-27 midway through the period when Grogan hit Collins in the can conservation organization, Trout Unlimited, met the Allend zone with the 12-yard Soviet Society for Hunters and Fisherman in Moscow and Kali-uin last season and concluded an NFL play-offs agreement which the Americans say will open up fishing trips to the Soviet Union for Western (Regular-season won-lost-drawn records in brackets)

anglers possibly this year.

The leader of the American delegation, Stephen Lundy, from Denver, Colorado, said that they had reached an historic agreement. He went m: "We are advised that the Soviet Union has tremendous fishery resources, including large Atlantic salmon; the world's largest Arctic chart the Taiman. est Arctic char, the Taiman, which is the largest salmonid in the world; and rainbow and

anglers possibly this year.

from both countries to discuss fishery protection and dev-

brown trout. Brown trout np to 80lbs were once found in the Capsian Sea but we do not know if this particular species still roach poles, fixed lines and worms or maggots for bait, but they use spinners for salmon. Fly fishing is little kunwn. Bait fishing is more productive.

Wheo Alexander Wicksteed Wheo Alexander Wicksteed of The Times and Negley Parson of the Chicago Daily News went fishing in the Cancasus in the 1920s they came up ugainst an ideological barrier. A Soviet commisar disapproved of fly fishing as capitalist and told them: "Only the worm can be trusted."

trusted." However Mr Lundy and his delegation from Trout Unlimited believe that as n result of their visit fly fishing will be widely Introduced to Soviet fisherman.

# **BOXING**

Western anglers cast

# French in title protest

Paris (AP) - The French Boxing Federation has lodged an official protest with the European Boxing Union over the outcome of the recent European light welterweight championship bout between Jean-Marc Renard of Belgium and the Frenchman, Daniel Londas, which ended in a draw. Renard, the defending cham-

pion, consequently retained his ● Mexico City (Reuter) - Mike Tyson of the United States, the world heavyweight champion and light welterweight holder Julio Cesar Chavez were yesterday named boxers of the year by the World Boxing Council (WBC).

# Small has claims to replace DeFreitas

England will have Ian Botham back in their side for the fourth Test match starting here the day after tomorrow. Several pounds lighter, he came through yesterday's game at Caoberra without mishap, scoring some reassuring runs and bowling 10 overs, if only at Underwood's pace. That he still needs to be careful when bowling will have a bearing on the selectioo of the side.

Assuming Botham plays on Boxing Day, it will presum-ahly be in place of Whitaker Being rather than Lamh. Deciding, after that, on the best attack may take more time.

Melbourne pitches have a reputation for being more amenable to fast and mediumpaced bowling than to spin (this ooe, too, is grassier than most), so that a case will no doubl be made for leaving out either Edmonds or Emburey to accommodate a third

I would be against this, basically on grounds of bal-ance. England know just where they are with Emhurey and Edmonds, who, if less of a steady ioh.

bowlers never do well here, end. Emhurey is looking for-

Australia out for 262 and 308 which to bowl, though the prepared by Jack Lyons, the in the corresponding Test Melbourne Cricket Ground is natch a year ago.

A wiser change from the eddies that come from unmatch a year ago.

side that drew the third Test expected directions. match would be the inclusion of Small in place of DeFreitas. England came nearest to losing cootrol in Adelaide when DeFreitas was bowling on the for some pretty steamy first day. The way order was restored was by pairing Ed-moods and Emhurey, though approaching the 90s.

Being more accurate than Foster, who anyway, needs a bouocier pitch to be at his most effective, Small would again seem a sounder choice as one of four regular bowlers

spells, did a good job to this

than DeFreitas. Gatting, for his part, should be prepared to bowl himself more than he did in Adelaide. With a few overs from Botham, concentrating on his length rather than his lustiness, and Edmonds and Emburey also in the side, the options, though not ample, would be reasonably ade-

threat in Perth than they were much cricket has been affected in Brisbane, and in Adelaide on this tour by the wind. It than they were in Perth, can hlew fiercely at times in still be relied upon to do a Brisbane, strongly almost aiways in Perth, and fiercely It is not as though slow again in Hobart the last week-India's, for example bowled ward to some stiller weather in

The flags can be blowing one way while the wind inside the stadium blows another. The Christmas Day forecast is the world.

They are expecting crowds Gatting, in one of his rare of around 50,000 oo the first two days - nothing exceptional for Melbourne - but as many as have watched all five days of each of the first three Test matches.

Four years ago, when England last played here, the total attendance was 214.861. A crowd of 80,000 was expected on the first day then, Australia being two up in the series, and they might have got it but for an estimated 20,000 turning back because cotry to the ground was taking 90 minutes. The final figure was 64,051.

As a source of revenue it is much the most important of the Test matches, hence the now prime time at which it is Sheffield Shield match.

pitch encourages entertaining

curator, who joined the ground staff in 1956. The soil, the climate, the towering, enveloping stands and interference from football combine to make it one of the most thankless jobs of its kind in

As a rule, the pitch is either weather with the temperature slow and dead enough to guarantee a dull draw, or sufficiently uneven in its bounce to produce a dour but close struggle, with neither side totting up 300.

England's three-run victory here four years ago came at the end of a match in which Australia made 287 and 288 in reply to England's 284 and

There have been numerous examples of tight, low-scoring matches. In 1950-51 Australia made 194 and 181, England 197 and 150. Four years later, England made 191 and 239. Australia 231 and 111. We had a match of the other kind in 1965-66 when England declared at 485 for nine and Australia at 543 for eight.

To regain the Ashes, Austrastaged. In the days when huge lia must win now, and again in Test crowds could be taken for Sydney where the fifth Test granted, the MCG used to be starts on January 10. For a reserved over Christmas for side that has won only three of the Victoria-New South Wales their last 26 Test matches that amounts, for some, to be an One can but hope that the impossible dream. It will certainly be a remarkable turn of cricket. It will be the last to be fortune if Australia do it.



Emburey: pursued by unfriendly breezes in Australia

# Bishop enthroned

Bishop, the South Australian opener, is the only new face in the Australian squad of 14 for the one-day challenge com-petition, beginning in Perth on December 30. England, Paki-stan and West Indies are also taking part in the nine-day

Bishop is one of five players in the selection who have not figured in the present Ashes series against England. The others are the fast bowlers, Simon Davis and Mike Whitney, and the all-rounders, Simon O'Donnell and Ken

Bishop toured Zimbabwe with Young Australia last sea-son and has scored heavily in the past two Sheffield Shield seasons. Greg Ritchie, who has played in the first three Test matches against England, is an

Canberra (Reuter) - Glenn unexpected absentee from the • JOHANNESBURG: Graeme Pollock, one of the outstanding batsmen of his generation, has been forced out

of the South African side to face the Australian rebels in the fourday match beginning here to-morrow. Pollock, aged 42, feels he has not recovered completely from a pulled hamstring, of-ficials said. He has been replaced by Brian McMillan, the ill-rounder Sonth Africa were forced to

bring in Stephen Jefferies, the left-arm seam bowler, yesterday after Corrie van Zyl withdrew from the first match of a series of four with a stress fracture of

# A New Year date with one of the world's wonders

is one of the wonders of the modern sperting world. It may be possible for more people to cram themselves into Eden Gardens, Calcutta but if so they would do it in a great degree less comfort. The MCB, which was the main stadium for the 1956 Olympic Games, is these days resplendent with video scoreboard, floodlight pylons and the capacity within its circle of tiered stands to hold 139,000

The Melbourne ground is steeped in cricket history. When the game was first played on the site, the playing area, then known as The Paddock, was surrounded only hy the trees, flower-beds and shrubs of the Yarra Park. The first English team to visit Australia, in 1862, planted elm trees in the park, a symbolic gesture which bore fruition when the first ever Test was staged at The Paddock in 1877, n match Australia won by

45 runs. Melbourne has since been est to more England-Australia Tests than any other ground in either country. Of the 47 matches there. Australia have won 23 and England 17. Until Brishane was first allocated a Test in 1928-29, the MCB, like Sydney, got two Tests when England made a full tour; after that, until Perth joined the rota in 1970-71, Melbourne and Sydney took it in turns to stage two.

The Melbourne Test, begin-ning on or around New Year's Day, is one of the most tra-ditional fixtures in the cricketing calendar. When England have been playing it has, during the past 60 years, regularly drawn an attendance of over 200.000, a figure unrivalled by anywhere else. The aggregate of 350,000 for the match in 1936-37 re-

mains the world record.

Such a breathtaking setting cannot but influence the players and the play and Melbourne has certainly witnessed scenes of high drama. This has been especially true on recent England visits, when the pitches, though often the subjects of much criticism, have given buts-man and bowter all to play for. In 1974-75 an extraordinary

match finished in a tantalizing draw, England scoring 242 and 244 and Australia 241 and 238 for eight. At 191 for six and with a minimum of 15 eight-ball overs remaining, it might reasonably be said that Australia, 2-0 up in the series and having things all their own way, should have won. But it proved to be a rare case of had good cause to dread, being Ian Chappell, that most ruthless of captains, recoiling from going for the jugular.

In the Centenary Test in 1977. nttended by a gathering of 120 former Anglo-Australian Test cricketers and 2 spectacular rains the event even by Melbourne's standards, each side collapsed for a paltry first-innings score before bowled.

Melbourne Cricket Ground. Australia recovered their poise much for the fourth Test match, one of the wonders of the Randall's innings of 174, by which he will be forever remembered. England's failure was a giorious one. They lost by 45 runs, just as they had in the game 100 years earlier.

The last match there between the two countries, in 1982-83, provided the closest encounter. England winning by three runs. When Anstralia's last-wicker pair, Border and Thomson, came together. 74 were still needed for victory; amid ever-increasing victory; amin ever-increasing tension they gathered 70 before Thomson edged a chance to second slip. Tavare's clumsy miss had the virtue of spooning the ball over his shoulder and Miller was able to run round from first slip to complete the

As in 1974-75, the scoring was remarkably even, the highest of the four innings totals being 294, the lowest 284.

English sides usually meet with a more sympathetic response from crowds at Melbourne than on other Australian grounds. When Freddie Brown's team were narrowly deprived of the first England win over Australia for 12 years in the second Test of 1950-51, the victorious Australians walked off the field at the MCG "to a denfening, disappointed It is an odd fact that England-

Australia Tests at Melbourge have provided more hat-tricks than double centuries. Three batsmen — Cowper (307 in 727 minutes) and Bradman for Australia Management (507 for the formal of the formal o Australia, Hammond for England - have scored over 200 in an innings and three bowlers have performed the hat-trick, one of these, Hugh Trumble, a native of Victoria, doing so

against England at Melbourne (five hundreds and over 1,000 runs) than he did elsewhere in Australia, where he scored eight bundreds against them in all Hobbs also scored five centuries and over 1,000 Test runs at Melbourne and shared in two famous first-wicket stands there.

One was of 283 in 1925 with Sutcliffe, his most famous open-ing partner, when they were responding to an Australian total of 600; the other was of 323 in 1911-12 with Rhodes, who two tours previously had skittled Australia out twice with 15 wickets on a rain-affected Mei-

well-nigh impossible to score runs on. At the turn of the century showers and storms were regular participants at the MCB, turning the games into little more than letteries. And it rains there still: in 1970-71 the New Year Test had to be abandoned without a ball being

# Sports Jumbo Crossword

The Times presents a test of your knowledge with La Manga include Severiano Ballesteros, of sport (and its associated trivia) in this David Lloyd, Sylvia Hanika, Pat Pocock and special Christmas crossword - with prizes Tony Alcock.

worthy of the occasion.

For the winner, there will be a week's holiday for two on a half-board basis at La Manga Club, the great sports and leisure characters. It has E W Swanton as general resort in Spain. It extends over more than editor, George Plumptre as editor, and John 1,300 acres, making it larger than Monte Woodcock, cricket correspondent of The Carlo, with more than an acre of space for ev- Times, as consultant editor. The book is ery guest. Club La Manga is situated on the Costa Calida, and its range of accommodation includes economical apartments as well as luxury villas, with an hotel, five restaurants, name and address, by January 9 to: The Times two beach clubs and three swimming pools.

Sports Crossword, PO Box 486, Virginia two beach clubs and three swimming pools.

Even more to the point for our active readers, Street, London El 9DD. The sender of the first the sports facilities at La Manga include two correct entry drawn after January 9 will win champiooship 18-hole golf courses, 18 tennis the holiday for two at La Manga Club. The courts, squash, cricket, croquet, bowls, riding senders of the next 10 correct entries will win a and water sports. The sporting stars associated copy of Barclays Book of Cricket.

10 Hoots, Rush on sight (5).

11 Worried about footholds? (4,5).

12 League club, not the mat 19).

17 One for the pot (3).

18 Colourful trait for Australian

t9 Part of the sparkle of Chelten-

ham 151. 20 Made do with extras? 13.4). 21 What Ballesteros may use when pressing for the lead (3.4). 22 It goes to the head of England cricketers 14.3).
24 Punching exchange 15).
25 The entire team is exhausted (3-

21.
26 An iron used by Palmer when almost at his pitch (4).
28 Sounds like equestrian trophy 29 What Liz Edgar, is to David

Broome (6). 32 What Gatting will do with n rope [4,2]. 34 Flying Finn but not a yachi [5]. 37 Franklin or Harvey on his

38 An interval in, for instance, Gower's career (5). 40 Heavyweight's feeling far from Tyson (4). 42 Jeffrey Archer ran for one (4).

43 Single-minded target (3),

44 Harvey collected the Cup for them (9).
46 Steamark's favourite (6). 47 Carson's Dunfermline colours

49 A punch from Louis? (4),

52 Before the kick-off (5.3.3).

55 It seems the loftiest rowing DOWN honour (4,2,5). 60 Boxers unburt when they get one to the middle (4). 62 Running brave of Tokyo (5).

65 Mansell wouldn't want his to go (3,3). 66 Club-carrier advice? (6,3).

68 Carnera or the Eiger [3].
69 Track and field tournament,
US style (4).
70 Bombadier Billy hit it for Rank (4). 72 and 8t Derby present for

Breasley (5,5).
73 Threesome mainly from Brazil (4), 74 Brentford on the attack? (5), 78 Part of Liston's background (6). 81 Sec 72.

to Brighton (8). 85 Just the time for abbreviated

festive sport (4). 88 Picnicking in Chicago? (5). 89 A measure of Joe Davis that he did it for 20 years (5).

90 Cricket shares them with base ball (7).

91 Open winner in Orient
Birkdale (7).

93 Roy of Scotland and Chris of the All Blacks (7). 94 Feats of clay? (5).

95 Bannister broke one (7). 97 What you want of the green (3). 98 Hurried weight-lifting? (6.3). 99 Exercise for housemaids and

athletes (5,4). 100 Talent-spotter (5).

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May (2,3,3,5).

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20 The only man to beat Tunney

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31 Turpin, briefly (5).
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78 On course, you're a stone's
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80 Visitors' entrance at Luton? (8),
81 Frustrating waters (4.4).

8t Frustrating waters (4,4). 82 Prince of fly-balves? (6). 84 Cross-country runners are close to it (6). 86 Top of the bill (4,4).

87 Charlotte caused a stir in the National (4). 92 In the enriched cricket family

96 George, a schoolteacher played for Spurs (4).



# Wigan in quandary over Lewis

By Keith Macklin

Wigan officials will spend Christmas worrying over an injury which threatens the arrival in Britain of their latest expensive capture, the Austra-lian captain, Wally Lewis.

Lewis has reported from Australia that he has a shoulder Australia that he has a shoulder injury and his trip to Britain in time to play for Wigan against Warrington on New Year's Day depends on it responding to treatment. Apparently the muscles and ligaments are torn.

After consulting specialists in
Brisbane and Sydney yesterday,
Lewis said: "I may have to
withdraw but I am still hopeful
and the last word will, of course,

rest with the Australian Board of Control, who grant clearances."

Traditional derby matches provide the outstanding features of the Boxing Day programme, with pride of place going to the match which will have the St Heleus ground bursting at the seams when it plays host to

most furious of paces.

Halifax and Bradford Northern provide a West Riding derby at Thrum Hall, with both teams in need of victory to revive a championship challenge which has recently flagged. Halifax are the holders of the title but their form has been strangely mixed and a win over old rivals will be just the holiday tonic with which to march into the new

Wigan in a battle which is always fought at the fastest and

year. Oldham and Salford fight out the Greater Manchester derby game at Watersheddings and Salford are not beyond surpris-ing a team which has recently lost its way.
Hull should continue their

revival at home to Featherstone Rovers and Leeds will expect a further rise up the table against hapless Wakefield Trinity, who have still to win a first division game this season.

There will be an interesting tussle at Castleford, where the Challenge Cup and Yorkshire Cup holders entertain Hall

Kingston Rovers. The Rovers showed in their 18-0 victory over Widnes that they are putting their act together at last and a visit to Castleford is just the test of strength they need at this time. In the second division the

eaders Hunslet cannot expect an easy ride against their neigh-bours Bramley, and Swinton could be fully extended by a Fulham squad who have grown in confidence after a series of

Doncaster should maintain their challenge at Runcorn, but Blackpool Boroogh aod West Australia Supreme Court before Justice William Pidgeon. The syndicate chairman. Syd Fischer, sought a ruling on the construction of the Notice of Whitehaven could falter in the promotion struggle against the challenges of Rochdale Hornets

Workington Town

# **YACHTING**

# Challengers burn midnight oil in search for speed

From Barry Pickthall

After the New Zealand plastic-fantastic composite structured America's Cup challenger won a clean bill of health hy the Lloyds surveyor to end the 'Glassgate controversy over her construc-tion, and Syd Fischer turned to the West Australian Supreme

the West Australian Supreme Court in an effort to resurrect Steak 'n' Kidney's chances of winning the defender trials this week, all eight syndicates still in the America's 'Cup have been husy completing preparations for the semi-final trials after The seemingly unstoppable Kiwis, with 33 wins and one loss to their credit during the initial round robin trials, have been working with Ron Holland, the designer, on modifications to their wing keel and trim tab, while Dennis Conner's San Diego group have fitted a com-

Diego group have fitted a com-plete new keel in an effort to improve Stars & Stripes's allround performance. Secrecy still surrounds the Tom Blackaller skippered USA II, representing San Francisco, a campaign that is now \$2 million in debt but riding on a tide of hope and promised support from other American syndicates, including the vanquished New York YC, in their efforts to beat Conner's group into the

"This is going to be a grudge match. We have a few scores to settle," Blackaller said last week, recalling the drubbing he re-ceived from his fellow CaliforStars & Stripes

ago.

Marc Pajot's French Kiss crew, who missed third place in

the semi-finals after losing to the lowly ttalia on the last day of the trials, and thus carned the dreaded head to head against New Zealand IV, have changed the stern sections of their Briand

for Royal Perth did not oppose.

the adjournment of the hearing.

# From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle for the defender trials. Counsel

stay in the race to be the Australian America's cup defender. After a short hearing the case was deferred until January

trials are due to finish on that remains to be seen. Meanwhile, away from the lawyers. Fischer and the yacht club continued their battle of words. Fischer implored the Royal Perth to stop being 'yachting politicians' and change the points system to ensure these date and there was a strong risk that Steak'n Kidney would be eliminated before that, under the present points system.

points system to ensure there was tough semi-finals competition. can't shut us out'."
The action was heard in the

The Perth club's America's Cup committee chairman, Dr Sian Reid, said of the Sydney chairman "I don't know what he is on about."

The yachts in contention CHALLENGER SEMI-FINALS French Kiss

Dec 28 to Jan 7: (Best of seven races): New Zealand IV v French Kiss; Stars & Stripes v USA II. DEFENDER TRIALS SERIES D DEC 27-Jan 8: Each yacht meets the others twica, 6pts for a win.
Race 1: Kookaburra III v Kookaburra II; Australia IV v Steak 'n' Kidney.
Race 2: Kookaburra III v Australia IV; Kookaburra II v Steak 'n' Kidney.
Race 3: Kookaburra III v Steak 'n' Kidney; Australia IV v Kookaburra III v Steak 'n' Kidney; Australia IV v Kookaburra II.
Same pairings operate for races 4 to 9.

**CHALLENGERS** CHALLENGERS
New Zealand IV
Club: Royal New Zealand Yacht
Squadron.
Skipper: Chris Declaon.
Syndicate head: Michael Fay.
Record: 33 wins, 1 loss.
View: Odds-on lavourite to win challenge

Starts of Surppess
Clubr San Diago YC.
Stopper: Dennie Conner.
Syndicate head: Malin Burnham.
Record: 27 wins, 7 losses.
View: Boat suspect in medium and light
ears but this may after with change of keel.

Club: St Francis YC, San Francisco. Skipper: Tom Blackaller. Syndicate head: Robert Scott. Record: 23 wins, 11 losses. View: This radical twin-ruddered de

nian during the US defender trials in Newport three years

# Another legal wrangle

Steak'n'Kidney's connections have gone to court in an effort to

Quite what happens if and when Steak'n Kidney is elimi-nated under existing rules and then tries to sail on under the protection of the adjournment, The Series D elimination

Now, according to the syndicate's counsel, Jim Glissan QC, the Sydney yacht will sail on regardless. "The effect of the action is that we will still be racing at the time of the resumed hearing," Mr Glissan said. "I think we will be in a very strong position then to say 'You

Regatta and Sailing Instructions

On the water Steak'n'Kidney continued offshore trials with a new helmsman. Phil Thomson.
29, who formerly steered South
Australia, has joined the team
and will drive the boat in Series

Club: Società des Regates Rochelaises. Skipper: Marc Pajot. Syndicate head: Serge Crasnieriski. Record: 20 wins, 14 losses. View: A winner in strong winds, this Imporative French design remains suspect in light and medium airs.

DEFENDERS Kookaburra III

KOOKaburra III
Club: Royal Perth YC.
Stopper: Isin Murray,
Syndicate head: Kevin Parry,
Record: 26 wins, 4 losses, 54pts.
Vien: Top Australian defender which has
proved both laster and more mancouvreable than Alan Bond's Ben Laxcen
designed Australia IV.
Australia IV
Club: Brusal Perth YC. Clab: Royal Perth YC.
Skipper: Colin Boashel.
Syndicate head: Alan Bond.
Record: 22 wins, 9 losses, 44pts.
View: Will latest keel resurrect Bond's chance to defend the Cup won m 1983?

Kookaburra II
Club: Royal Perth YC.
Slipper: Peter Glimour.
Syndicate head: Kevin Parry.
Record: 18 wins, 12 tosses, 38pt
Year: Trishores to Market. Steak 'n' Kidney

Club: ROyal Sydney YC.
Skipper: Phil Thompson.
Syndicate head: Syd Fischer.
Record: 3 wms, 26 losses, 12pts.
View: A change of keel before the last series brought a change of trotune but they must now awart a court ruling to see if they can stall challenge for the Cup. design in an effort to reduce

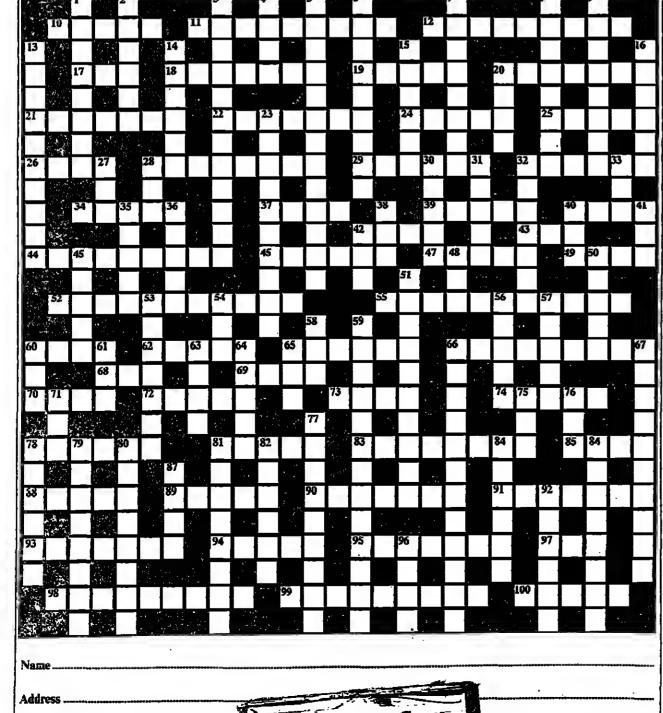
displacement and improve per formance in medium airs. Among the Australian de-fenders, who begio their fourth round of trials on Salurday, a day before the challenger semifinals, both Kevin Parry's Taskforce syndicate and Ben Lexcen, the Australia IV designer, have been testing new keel configurations.

The Taskforce group, who have proved to be the highest spenders in Fremantle with a budget running out at \$40,000 a day, have proved the most consistent performers among the four remaining defenders.

MINE RECORD

lain Murray, Parry's project directer and skipper of the leading Kookahurra III, blandly describes all this merely as a continuing development before going on to underline the advantages of playing at home. The chap at the foundry said the other day: do you realize this is the sixteenth keel we have cast for you. We're continually try-

ing out new keels."
For his part, Lexcen has been burning the midnight oil in a last-disch effort to find another hreakthrough keel design to halt Murray's monopoly of the series. Australia IV went back in the water yesterday for remeasurement after these latest alterations, and is now believed to have a canard forward of her keel, a concept similar to that fitted on the David Hollom-designed Crusader II which the British dropped in favour of White Crusader for the initial



**SQUASH RACKETS** 

Belgians refuse to

pay Jahangir's

appearance fee

Brussels (Reuter) -- Jahangir
Khan, of Pakistan, five times
world champion, has scratched the only player who had asked

the only player who had asked

for appearance money. This is against the interest of the other players. It has done a lin of damage to other sports, and particularly to tennis," Eady

Although Jahangir will be nbsent, the organizers still boast the participation of the world champion, Ross Norman of New Zealand, who beat the

Pakistani in last month's world

open championship final in Toulouse and is currently top of

the computer rankings.

Norman will face a tough

challenge from his compatriot

Stuart Davenport, ranked No 3 in the world, and England's Gawain Briars, the No 5.

The Belgian Squash Trophy, from January 28 to February 2, is the first of a series of 21 Grand Prix tournaments with a total of

Prix tournaments with a total of nearly \$1 m on offer. Players in

Antwerp will share a total purse of \$38,000 while the organizers also offer a trophy worth \$23,800 to any player who wins the tournament three times in

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from next month's Belgian grand prix tournament in Antwerp after organizers refused to pay an appearance fee of \$15,000.

The tournament organizer,

Jef Hagedoren, said yesterday that following the refusal, Ron Morton. Jahangir's manager, had reduced the demand to \$5,000 but this was also rejected

out of hand.

The incident has brought into the open the shadowy practice of appearance handouts to star players and led to a declaration

of support for the Belgian organizers from the tnter-national Squash Players Associ-ation (ISPA).

"We support Hagedoren in

his stand against these demands

and we will propose a rule to ban

paying appearance money," the tSPA executive director Roger

Eady said.

"We know these practices have been going on for some time hut this is the first time an organiser gives us hard proof and even makes it available to

# Millwall likely to bring in cards

PRI CHILPPADE

Miliwall are set to win favour with the Prime Minister over a cardmembership scheme.

The second division club.

The second division clnb, worried at reportedty losing £15,000 a month, will attempt to woo back missing amprorters to the Den by adopting a membership card scheme, approved by Margaret Thatcher, but rejected hy other football clnbs as being "impractical."

The Government hope the Football League wilt persuade alt 92 clubs to adopt 100 per cent membership schemes with idenmemorship schemes with identity cards, otherwise it has threatened to introduce legislation. Miliwall have not yet specified whether their plan will har away supporters from the Den and follow the lead set by I more Town.

Millwall, determined to banish memories of the FA inquiry ioto their part in the riot at Laton in 1985 and repeated warnings to their small element of troubtesome supporters, took the initiative last month by making successive home. making succeasive home matches all-ticket against Portsmouth, Birmingham and Leeds. But attendances this season have slumped to around 4,000 after complaints from supporters that the cinb's current scheme restricted seat sales to season ticket-holders and mem-

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bers only. "The scheme was perhaps unfair to the genuine supporters who could not obtain the seats they wanted," Graham Hortop, Millwall's chief executive, said. "We now hope to be creative, along lines suggested by the Government, and hope the new scheme will satisfy everyone. The supporters have been marvellons," Hortop aaid.

Full details of the club's plans will be announced by Hortop in

# London sides may find the Southampton boot is on the other foot

ham Hotspur last Saturday,

Arsenal ought to have no reason to change their line-up after recording their 12th vic-

tory on Saturday in a run of 15

games without defeat, but Nicholas who was substitute against Luton will make

George Graham, the manager,

think twice about his selection

after scoring three superbly-

executed goals yesterday for

the reserves in a 5-1 win against Ipswich Town at Portman Road.

The question of whether to change a winning team is something that Graham's arch

and company.

may also play.

Southampton, whom Chris
Nicholl, their manager, believes are being undermind hy
an outside force, take on the role of agitator themselves this week as they seek to disrupt the Christmas festivities of the Londoners, Arsenal and Chel-sea, top and bottom of the first

Not that Chelsea will have been much to the mood for funny hats and things in their present predicament. But before attempting to add to their misery, Nicholl, to the midst of not a little controversy himself spared a thought himself, spared a thought yesterday for his opposite number, John Hollins, who has been the object of outside forces ever since the season

"I'm beginning to know how John Hollins feels." Nicholl said. But we've only suffered from bad publicity. Losing matches is a much worse problem. I feel for John. He has been much criticised from every direction. But as Ted Bates once told me, you have to be iodestructible in this job, and I know be is strong ecough to survive."

Not, it would seem, on Boxing Day. Southampton at the Dell are usually quite a different proposition than Southampton at anywhere else; the goalless draw away against Nottingham Forest on Saturday was quite out of character. "They called us Scrooges afterwards. I just

At least Chelsea will not have to face Shilton, who at the moment is not a the moment is not a pretty sume his predestined position sight with two hlack eyes after suffering a broken nose at a danger that it may not be for a danger that it may not be for long. He is one caution away Forest. He had his broken nose reset yesterday while Nicholl signed a replacement, from a two-match ban. Everton, cheered by the return of Southall and Stevens

Eric Nixon, on loan from Manchester City, who will play instead against Dixon and more recently Reid, have lost only once in their last seven league games and are the most popular alternative choice to Arsenal. Everton, for Chelsea, who are likely to be McAllister again, will give Coady, signed recently from Shamrock Rovers, his league debut. Durie, who is back in whom Heath has scored five goals in five games, have a less demanding holiday pro-gramme than their neighbours and champions Liverpool. training after a hamstring injury, and Wegerle, the South African winger who came on to some effect against Totten-

Everton's toughest game will probably be the Boxing Day fixture at St James' Park. It was in a hruising encounter at Newcastle last New Year's Day that Everton's injury problems first started when Bracewell, their England midfield player, suffered an ankle injury which plagued him for the rest of the season and has prevented him playing at all this season. Liverpool, who are away to

Sheffield Wednesday and Nottingham Forest kick-off the holidays at home to Manchester United, who have won three and drawn three of their last six league games at Anfield. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, is boldly contemplating their first away North London rival, David win of the season. One factor Pleat, must decide after the in United's favour is that purchase of Hodge. Ardiles
would be the most likely man
them.



HOCKEY

# **Cream of Cheam**

Peter Sudell, a Cambridge Blue, returns from Paris 10 play at full back for Cheam against the Club President's XI in the annual Boxing Day match for the R L Hollands Memorial Trophy. The match was can-celled last year because of bad

veather hut in the previous year Cheam won. Tony Bennett, the club president, has placed the accent on youth this year, having chosen Marchant, a resourceful inside right from Surbiton, Francis also from Surbiton, Rogers, the

Richmond goalkeeper and Bow-ling, of Beckenham. His son David, however, will play for Although Cheshire and Lan-cashire have already played each other in the county championship, Cheshire having won 1-0, the clubs will be on again on

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SCOTLAND

players will be in action indoors at the inter-cines Lada Classic to be played at Crystal Palace on January 30 and 31. There will be eight teams for this tournament which is to be televised: North-London, South London, South-ampton, Bristol, Cambridge, Birmingham and two teams from the northern division of which Hull could be one.

The sponsors have guaranteed the Hockey Association a total of £480,000 which in the longer term will support a three year run of the national indonleague to be played during three weekends at various centres and a similar period for the outdoor international tournament at Willesden. The Willesden tour-nament for 1987 will be played on October 10 and 11.

Captain Seeler Boxing Day when they meet at Warrington to play for a special trophy at three levels of com-petition, veterans, juniors and Bonn (Reuter) - Uwe Seeler, who holds the record for appear-ances in World Cup finals, will lead the West German team in a

Last year Cheshire won both veterans and juniors matches and the senior game was drawn, which meant that on aggregate they took the trophy. The same system will apply and Cheshire, with Stannard, Greene, Wil-kinson and Laitt all available,

veterans' tournament in Brazil
next month, Seeler, 50 last
month, is captain of a team of
over-35s, which includes the
former World Cup players Paul
Breitner, Wolfgang Overath and
Klaus Fischer, Seeler played in a kinson and Laitt all available, are expecting to win.

Looking further ahead, several of England's World Cup Italian side in the tournament

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Superb skiling on lower slopes
In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great
Britain, t. refers to lower slopes and U to upper.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

# Huddersfield's yuletide Storton's plan to lift flagging Telford present for Buxton Huddersfield Town's Christ-

mas present for their manager, Mick Buxton, held no surprises yesterday --- it was quite simply,

But Buxton, who is 43,may quickly bounce back, with Ian Porterfield Aberdeen's new manager, considering offering him a position at Pittodrie.

Buxton was expecting the worst after four successive defeats had taken the club to second from the bottom of the second division, three years after he guided themaway from the third. Six years ago he took them to the fourth division championship.

A spokesman for Hudders-field said: The directors regret having to make this decision at this time of the year."We would like to thank Mick for the services he rendered to the club since he joined us eight years

until a successor is found.

Swansea City players, who face Cardiff City at Ninian Park on Boxing Day, and who are playing at homeagainst Hereford United on the following day will be undergoing a 90day, will be undergoing a 90-minute training programme on

says he and the players have a joh to do and they have to get on with it, festive season or not. He has told the players to report for training at 10am on Christmas Day. "They'll have the early morning at home and will be back with their families for lunch." Yorath said "It won't spoil the family day."

Woodhouse Grove's record of

14 wins from 16 matches was all the more commendable as they

only had five of last year's team

available. The back row of Rory Fuller, Jason Procter and Gbenga Rotimi was outstand-

ng, as was George Georgiou in

Old Swinford Hospital, from

Stourbridge, have recorded 15 wins from 19 matches and won

the West Midland 15-a-side competition at Walsall with a victory over KES Birmingham

(13-12) in the final. Good

victories have also been ob-tained against Bablake, Belmont

Abbey, Hereford Cathedral School and Wrekin.

Park's guests

The South African internationals, Garth Wright and Anton Barnard, will play for Rosslyn Park in the traditional New Year's day fixture with Wasps et Sudhury.

Wright, a scrum half and

Barnard, a loose head prop, each played in two Tests during this

year's controversial series against the New Zealand Cava-liers, while Barnard also won two caps in 1984. The players are to Britain on a short holiday

and have already played once in

the Roehampton club's second team. The RFU have been

the centre.

ago and wish him every success in the future."

Jimmy Robson and Steve Smith the coaches, and physio-therapist, George McAllister, will take charge of team affairs

Christmas Day.
Terry Yorath, the manager,

Telford United, is planning to give his players "a good kick up the backside" by making two new signings within the next few Storton hopes the arrival of a midfield player and a forward will give fresh impetus to his team, who in the last formight

Stan Storton, the manager of

team, who in the last fortnight have started to show the all too familiar Telford weakness—losing form in every competition, other than the FA Cup.

Since being drawn at home to Leeds United to the third round of the Cup and becoming the former of national attention has focus of national attention, because of the debate over where the tie should be played, Telford have suffered their first home defeat in the GM Vauxhall Conference and gone out of the

defeat in the first round of the League this season, because this Trophy, at the hands of Nuneaton Borough, was one of the shocks of the season. Nuneaton, for whom Frank Murphy scored all four goals, are fifth to bottom of the Conference and have won

of the Conference and have won only once away from home.
"It's the same old story," Storton said. "Nearly every year that we have done well to the Cup we've made an early exit from the Trophy and suffered in the League. To be honest, having a good run in the Cup is a pain in the neck, though I know it's something every other cluh it's something every other club would love to achieve.

"There's been a lot of pub-licity about the Leeds' tie and no matter how much I've tried to make the players concentrate on the immediate games I don't FA Trophy.

If the 2-0 reverse against
Dagenham in the League was a surprise, Saturday's 4-1 home think they've been able to keep their minds off it. But I don't think the Cup run will harm our long-term prospects in the

Scarborough, the Conference leaders, whom they trail by seven points, although they have three games in hand. Like Enfield, who lost at is a better side than I've had in previous years.
"Going out of the Trophy doesn't really worry me either. I would have been more upset if home to Ayleshury United to the Trophy on Saturday and have dropped 15 home points io the Conference this season. Telford are beginning to feel more comfortable playing away.

"When teams come to our places and string playing are proposed."

the Nuneaton match had been in the League, because our number one target this season must be to win the GM Conference and promotion to the fourth division.

"A couple of new players will help us, I've made the mistake in previous seasons of por

in previous seasons of not bringing in new faces towards the end of a Cup run. Some players need a new challenge in that siluation and there's no greater challenge than to have your place in the team under

Telford have an immediate chance of revenge over Nunea-too, whom they meet twice in the League over the holiday mer Dartford, Dagenhan period. They then travel to Bishop's Stortford player.

result. The detence completely lost composure and discipline."

Sutton United have re-signed Micky Joyce, a forward, from Maidstone United, for a four figure fee. Maidstone have signed Terry Sullivan, the former Dartford, Dagenham and Picker's Stockhold Joyce 1 **SNOW REPORTS** 

RUGBY UNION: IT PROMISES TO BE BUSINESS AS USUAL AT LEICESTER FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY MATCH St Anton 80 210 g
Excellent skiing
FRANCE
La Plagne 100 110 g
New snow on good base
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Limited runs, avalanche danger

# SA tourists break Sherborne pattern

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Although the Welsh portion of their tour of the United Kingdom was cancelled by the WRU, the South African school, Woodhouse Grave's record of Michaelhouses, still managed a notable victory against Sherborne (12-8). The only other team to beat Sherborne, who have scored 354 points and conceded 109, was King'a Taun-

The Scots school, Bathurst NSW, beat Strathallan then lost NSW, beat Strathallan then lost (31-10) to Durham. They achieved a remarkably high-scoring draw (23-23) with St Peter's, York, Durham played 13, won eight, drawn two and lost three. Their most recent wins were against RGS Newcastle (28-10) and King Edward VI Morneth (52-0). VI. Morpeth (5?-0).

Campbell College from Bel-fast lost both games against Rossall (12-4), and Ampleforth (18-8). Belfast Royal Academy lost to Harrow (12-0) hui de-feated St Pant'a (19-4) due largely to a vintage performance from their scrum half, Robert

Falcon School, from Zim-bahwe, have drawn with Sevenoaks and another Zimbabwean school, Milton, also opened with a draw against George Heriots.

St Edward's, Liverpool and William Hulme GS have both had magnificent seasons and are unbeaten. William Hulme won all 15 matches but St Edward's, whose final win was against Hutton GS (10-9) also drew (12-

# Carling gets call to Cork

By David Hands

Will Carling, whose emergence this season with Durham University, Durham and the North has carried him to England trial status, has been se-lected for the English Universities' team to play Irish Univer-silies io Cork on January 8. He will play centre in a team which, it is anticipated, will also do duty for the game against Scottish Universities at Rich-

mond on January 16, the eve of the Calcutta Cup match. But Jon Webh, the Bristol University full back, has been omitted in case he should be required by England in any capacity at senior level.

senior level.

Both Webb and Carling are in the junior side for the trial at Twickenham on January 3. Alan Buzza, from Loughborough University, will play full back against the Irish.

There will be a Combined There will be a Combined England Students squad session

England Students squad session at Ycovilton between January 4 and6 for a party of about 40 players, ending with a game against a local team ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES (v Irlsh Universities): A Bazza (Loughborough): O Kemsell (Bradford). W Carling (Durham), L Eales (Nottingham), J Perkina (Bristol): A Sutton (Loughborough), S Pinder (Bristol): V Dtoge (Birmingham), B Humphrey-Evans (Nottingham), P Joyce (University College, London), R Bridson (Nottingham), T Swam (Liverpool), M Revid (Loughborough), B Hottone (East Anglia), C Steasiery (King's College, London), B Millard (Eveter), N Johnston (Hulf), G Shew (Aston), A Birkett (Reading), J Wilby (Loughborough), M Aris (Loeds), Added for consideration for the game v Scottish Universities: J Webb (Bristol), Mi Hassocak (Loughborough), S Swales (Bristol).

# Barbarians line up without their French connection

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Barbarians will take the field against Leicester at Welford Road on Saturday without the two French backs originally selected for the annual originally science for the annual holiday game, Denis Charvet and Jean-Baptis Lafond. Both have been forced to withdraw because of area trial requirements, which will strike a familiar and slightly cynical chord on this side of the

Charvet, io any case, has been playing for Toulouse in the Masters cinh tournament which ended yesterday evening. The tournament was originally con-ceived for French, British and Irish clubs and there have been one or two plaintive murmurs from France of lack of interest here, hence the inclusion of Continental and southero hemi-

It may be worth noting though, that Bath did not receive an invitation and Mun-ster, who did, expressed an interest but, for lack of further details, made other arrangements. The original suggestion from France, too, was that British sides should fly in and out in between matches which

was not well received. Since the tonrnament was also scheduled for a time when England and Scotland were playing divisional and district matches it would not have been an attractive proposition for leading clubs denuded of

players.

Even if there is no French
presence in the Barbarians,

there will be no lack of interest in the replacements since the Barbarians hope to have Mike Harrison and Will Carling from the successful North divisional side instead. Carling, who is in his second year at Durham University reading an honours degree in psychology, is very much the man of the moment.

"He has this confidence in himself and you can play at any level if you believe in yourself." Ted Wood, the former University coach said. "He has very quick hands and if you want an England team which is going to move the ball wide and support, then he must be io."

It would have been instruc-tive to see him play against that experienced centre Paul Dodge, but Dodge'a broken finger is unlikely to let him play for Leicester much before late January. Ian Bates replaces him to the home side on Saturday when it is hoped that a bruised knee sustained by Dusty Hare against Bristol last weekend will have mended sufficiently to allow

mended sufficiently to allow him to play full back.

Boxing Day includes the regular quota of derby matches, among them the clash between Moseley and Coventry at the Reddings. Graham Robbins returns to the Coventry side having recovered from a knee injury which, earlier this mooth, looked likely to require another operation. He will play No 8 in a pack where Lee Johnson and Andy Farrington return from divisional duty. Moseley have John Goodwin back on their

wing and Mark Linnett prop-ping for the first time since September. The pick of the Welsh Boxing Day games are those between Llanelli and London Welsh, and

place and string nine men across

the back it makes life very difficult." Storton said. "But I

don't want to make excuses because my players know they were at fault for the Nuneaton result. The defence completely

Aberavon against Neath, who will be without Jonathan Davies and Paul Thorburn, required by the Barbarians the following day.
Rod Morgan, chairman of the

SCOTLAND

Cairrigoras: upper runs, runs complete, new show on a firm base: middle runs, runs complete but narrow new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow new snow on a firm base; vertical runs 1800 feet; hill roads clear; man roads clear; snow level 2000 feet. Glencoe: (weekends only) upper runs, runs complete, new snow drifting (at the time); lower slopes; runs complete, new snow drifting (at the time); lower slopes; wertical runs 1400 feet, hill roads clear; snow level 1100 feet.

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Alex Keay returns to captain
Saracens at Northampton on
Friday, after a rare absence from
the London cluh's back row.
Sean Robinson retains his place
at full back after scoring four
tries in the next footnight.

at the back after scoring four tries in the past fortnight.

Bath play their annual game against Clifton with a side composed mainly of second-teamers (who have been largely first-teamers these last three divisional weekends).

Stronger Coventry Graham Rohbins, Coventry's

former England No 8, will play his first sculor game since November 15 at Moseley on Boxing Day, having recovered from a knee injury. Also return-ing to strengthen the pack after divisional duty with the Mid-lands, will be the prop forward, Lee Johnson, end the hooker, Andy Farrington.

# **CHRISTMAS** DAY

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SCOTTISH As London except:
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11.15 Trang Trang 11.20 Glen Michael's
Christmas Story 12.30pm-2.00 Film: Rob
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Late Call 12.40 Closedown.

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Closedown.

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**BOXING DAY** 

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GRANADA 12.50em Joen Beez at
Notre Dame 1.55 Closedown.
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YORKSHIRE As London except: - Simon Potter's Show 1.00 Power Hou 2.00 Soggle Box 3.00 Off The Wall 4.00 Private Eyes 5.00 The Shadow 6.00 Closedown. secowii.

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# FOR THE RECORD

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Stephens absent Middleshrough's leading scorer. Archie Stephens, who has 13 goals this season, will miss the FA Cup third round game against Preston North End on January 10. Stephens faces an automatic two-match ban. which will start on that day. following his latest booking in the 1-0 win at Brentford

# FOOTBALL

Kick off 3.0 unless stated

First division Aston Villa v Charlton

Leicester v Arsenal (11.30) ... Liverpool v Manchester Utd (12.0) . Norwich v Nottingham For . QPR v Coventry (11.30) ... Southampton v Chelsea (11.30) ...... Tottenhem v West Ham (11.30) ..... Wimbledon v Oxford (12.0) -

# Second division

Barnsley v Stoke Blackbum v Huddersfield .... Bradford v Derby ... Crystal Pal v Brighton (11.30) ..... Grimsby v Oldham ... Leeds v Sunderland Plymouth v Portsmouth (11.30) ..... Reading v Birmingham ...... Shaffield Utd v Hull Shrewsbury v WBA (11.30) .

# Third division

Blacknool v York ... Fulham v Gillingham (12.0) . Middlesbrough v Carlisla ....

Notts County v Mansfield (11.30) ... Port Vale v Bristol City . Rotherham v Darlington Swindon v Brentford ..... Walsall v Newport Wigan v Chester (12.0) ...

# Fourth division

Cardiff v Swansea (11.0) Colchester v Cambridge (11.30) ..... Crewe v Preston (11.30) ..... Exetar v Torquay (11.0) .... Hartlepool v Halifax .... Hereford v Wolverhampton (12.0) ... Lincoln v Stockport .. Orient v Aldershot (11.30) .. Peterborough v Scunthorpe .... Rochdale v Tranmere .... Southend v Northampton (11.30) ...

# **BOXING DAY FIXTURES**

SMIRNOFF BISH LEAGUE [2.15]: Bengor v Ards; Caftonnila v Bellymena; Colerene v Carrist; Distillery v Glemoran; Leme v Glenavori. Limiteld v Crusaders (3.0); Portadown v Newry.

GRE VAUDUALL CONFERENCE: Altonomy v Settlord; Barnet v Enfield (11.50); Boston v Friddey (11.30); Cheltennam v Köderminster (11.0); Dagenham v Welling; Maudstone v Sutton United (11.0); Numeaton v Telford; Runcomy Northwich; Scarborough v Gaisshead; Wealdstone v Kettering (11.30); Weymouth v Beth.

MILLITPART LEAGUE Bangor v Ceernarfon; Barrow v Worldington; Chortey v Howich; Gainsborough v Burton; Goole v Worksop (11.0); Hyde v Oswestry; Ratiot v Buston; Morscambe v Mossley; Rhyl v South Liverpool; Southport v Marine; Witton v Macclesfield.

Marine: Witton v Macclestield.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE (11.0): Premier division: Alvechurch v Redditch; Aylesbury v Witney: Basingstoke v Salebury (11.30); Cambridge City v Chelmistord (11.30); Corby v King a Lymr, Crawley v Fokestone: Dentford v Fisher; Fareham v Gosport: Shepshed v Badworth; Willenhall v Dudley; Wordsster v Bromsgrove. Michael division: Bambury v Buclongram (11.30); Coventry Sporting v Moor Green; Forest Green v Gloucester: Crambram v Leicaster United (3.0); Hednesford v Bridgnordt; Merthyt Tydfil v Biston (3.0); Rushden v Wellingborough (3.0); Suburbridge v Halesowen; Sutton Colcheld v Mile Onk. Southern division: Ashford v Cardisrbury: Dorchester v Trowbridge (3.0); Dover v Thanet (3.0); Einth and Belvediere v Contribien (11.15); Hassings v Tonbridge (3.0); Poole v Andower (3.0); Ruskilp v Dunstable;

Sheppey v Chatham: Waterlooville v aurnham and Hillingdon (3.0); Woodford v Gravesend and Northfleet (11.30). DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Peterfee v Essington (11.0); South Bank v Whitby (11.0); Spennymoor v Bishop Auckland (3.15).

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3A 32 NORTH WEST COUNTIE3 LEAGUE; First division: Burscough v Kinkby; Clitheroe v Accinigton Stanley; Congleton v Winsford; Fleetwood v Leyland Motors: Irlam v Glossop; Leek v Eastwood Henley; Perritin v Netherfield; Radditle v Rousendale; St Helens v Bootle; Stalyondge v Curzon Ashton. GREAT MILS LEAGUE; Premier division: Barnistaple v Bideford (2.30); Bristol City reserves v Mangorsfield (11.0); Exmouth v Dewfish (11.0); Metisham v Chippenfram; Pautton v Radistook v (Chippenfram; Pautton v Minehead (11.0); Weston super Mare v Clevedon (11.0).
NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE; Premier division: Bourne v Stamford; Eynesburry v St Neots (11.0); Hotbeech v Spalding; Kempston v Woothor; Northempton Spanoe v Long Buddy; Raundis v Brackley; Rothwell v Desborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE; Piest division (11.0); Annolel v Littlehampton; Hallsham v Eastbourne Town; Lancing v Shoreham;

(11.0): Arundel v Littlehampton; Hallsham v Eastbourne Town; Lancing v Shoreham; Portfield v Chichester. ESSEX LEAGUE (11.0): Bowers v Canvey JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B

CLUB MATCHES

Aberavon v Neath
Aberillery v Ebbw Vale
Bath v Ciffton
Bridgend v Meesteg
Brissol v Weston-s-Mare
Carditf v Pontypridd
Pylds v Presion Grasshoppers (2.15)
Gloucester v Lydney
Gosforth v Northern (2.15)
Hartlepool R v W Hartlepool (2.30)
Kendel v Vale of Lune (2.15)
Lanelli v London Weish
London Irish v Old Malhillians (2.30)
Leweport v Newbridge

**CLUB MATCHES** 

Newport v Newbridge
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Sale v Broughton Park
Swansee v Glemorgan Wndrs
Torquisy v Exeter
Waterloo v Birkenheed Park (2.15) RUGBY LEAGUE

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL Carlaberg Tournament of Champions: Team Polycell Kingston v Murray International Livingston (6.0): Sharp Manchester United v Birmingham Bullets (8.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES SITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:
Castieford v Hull KR (12.30); Haifax v
Stadford; Hull v Featherstone; Leeds v
Wakefield (11.30); Leigh v Barrow (3.30);
Oldham v Selford; St Helens v Wigen.
SECOND DIVISION: Blactpool v Rochdale (11.30); Barroom v Hunslet (3.30);
Dewsbury v Berley (11.0); Runcom v
Doncaster; Swinton v Fulham; Worldington
v Wittelhaven (2.30); York v Huddersheld
(2.15).

# CHRISTMAS EVE TV AND RADIO

# A prejudiced guide to Christmas entertainment

complete irrefutable answer to those Jeremiahs who never depart from the gloomy and tiresome ritual of bemoaning the absence of anything worth watching on television, or listening to on radio, over the Christmas holiday period. Even allowing for the fact that one man's meat may be annther men's poisson, and enthusiastically subscribing to the belief that, during the festive season, a little TV and radio can go a lnng way, I have had no difficulty at all in compiling this list of goodies-

• Christmas Eve. We wont fall out, surely, over the day's best mnvies. Two of them feature Judy Garland, The Wizard of Oz (BBC1, 2.25pm), still magically and musically magnificent after all these years, and Meet Me in St Louis (BBC2, 11.45pm), the quint-

essential Hollywood view of the happy family. Was Monroe's sex appeal ever more potent than in The Seven Year Itch? (BBC2. 4.45). I doubt it. The Trouble with Harry (ITV, 9.00pm) is the Hitchcock comedy thriller we keep forgetting about, so this reminder is doubly welcome. I only hope Carl Davis's new musical score has not spoilt Harry Langdon's silent comedy The Strong Man (C4, 3.30pm). Best of the rest on TV today: Derek Bailey's portrait nf Dame Peggy Ashcroft (C4, 9.00pm), and Alan Ayckbourn's alternative view of the British family Christmas, Season's Greetings (BBC2, 9.00pm)...Radio chnice: A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (Radin 4, 3.00pm), the infallible way of acquiring instant Christmas spirit, and Menotti at Christmas (Radio 3, 5.00pm), the

CHOICE

Sadler's Wells double-bill. • Christmas Day: Pick of the movies: two animated features, Disney's Dumbo (ITV, 3.10), second only to Bambi for animal enchantment, and The Snowman (C4, 5.50pm), a delightful shot in the arm for the British cartoon industry. There are memorable musical gymnastics in The Pirate (BBC2, 12.20pm), and there is a formidable roster of British acting talent in Educating Rita (BBC1. 10.40pm). Non-movie choice: Wendy Hiller in The Importance of Being Earnest (C4, 9.00pm); the ENO production of Britten's Gloriana (C4, 3.00pm); and the 85th birthday tribute to Aaron Copland (BBC2, 7.20pm)....Radio choice: Dorothy L Sayers's The

Nine Tailors, a Lord Peter Wimsey tale (Radio 4, 7.30pm); and Operation Christmas Duff (Radio 4, 12.27pm), a Goon Show edition never broadcast before.

 Boxing Day: On the movie front, there's Billy Wilder's Some Like It Hot (BBC2, 10.05pm), probably the most wickedly funny film ever made in Hollywood often parodied, never equalled. There is not a moment in Minnelli's musical The Band Wagon (BBC2, 4.00pm) that I recall with anything but intense pleasure, and for sheer adventure, you would be hard put to beat Disney's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (ITV, 2.10pm) and The Guns of Navarone (BBC1, I.30pm). Of the nnn-movie attractions, I must not fail to draw your attention to Michael Crawford's

energetic tour de force in Barnum (BBČ1, 5.40pm); the Torvill and Dean refrigerated love story. Fire and Ice (ITV, 7.30pm); and Jonathan Stedall's wholly successful attempt to capture nn film the affecting humanitarianism nf Lanrens van der Post at Eighty (BBC2, 7.25pm). A few more men like him, and all the world would have a happier Christmas...Radin choice: Nigel Andrews's surgically skilful dissection of the movie Casablanca in You Must Remember This (Radio 4, 9.30pm) which, thankfully, permits the famous patient joyfully to live on in our memories, and a Sherlock Holmes adventure, The Valley of Fear (Radio 4, 7.30pm), which should awaken you with a jolt from your post-prandial Boxing Day stupor.

Peter Davalle



Dame Peggy Ashcroft: she talks about her life in Derek Bailey's film portrait Dame Peggy (on Channel 4, 9.00pm)

6.00		headlines sports	
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6.30 News headlines followed by The Flintstones. Cartoon series. (r) 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; regional news and travel bulletins at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25, 8.55 Regional news

and 8.25, 8.55 Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather 9.05
Paddington narrated by Michael Hordern. (f) 9.10 Play Chess. William Hartston with advice on playing the Bishop 9.20 Babar and Pather Christmas. Cartoon adventures of an elephant 9.45 London Snow, Elizabeth Spriggs with part two of Paul Theroux's tale 10.00 News and weather 10.05

Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Children's BBC. Phillip Schofield with programme news, and birthday greetings. 10.30 Play School presented by Stuart Bradley and Elizabeth Watts 10.50 Henry's

Cat. (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Joanna Lumley
with a thought for the day
11.00 News and weather 11.05
Keith and Orville's Christmas Circus. The guests include singer, Dana. (r) 11.45 Cartoon. Tha Tender Tale of Cinderella Penguin 11.55 Junior Kick Start. The final heat of the junior motorcycling competition. The

competition. The commentators are Peter Purves and Jack Stites

12.20 A Song for Christmas. The final of the school Christmas Carol competition, 12.55 Regional news end weather, 1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. 1.25 Neighbours. Des receives a sappointment at work 1.50 Little Misses. Little Miss Tiny, narrated by Pauline Collins and John Alderton 2.00 Rnff Harris Cartoon Time. 2.25 Film: The Wizard of Oz (1939) starring Judy Garland. The timeless tale of a young girl who discovers what lies over the rainbow. Directed by Victor Fleming. (Ceefax) 4.05 Daffy Duck. Carbons 4.20 The Box of Delights. The third and final apisods of the dramatization of John Masefield's story. (r)

(Ceefax) 5.20 Jim'll Fix It. Jimmy Savile makes six youngstera' Christmas one to remember, including a young lady who was present when the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree was felled in e Norwegian

torest.
6.00 News with Andrew Harvey.
Weather 8.15 Regional news.
6.20 Film: Mr Mum (1983) starring
Michael Keaton and Teri Garr. Role reversal comedy with the husband at home doing the housework and looking after the baby while the wife is at work. Directed by Stan Dragoti.

(Ceefax)
7.50 Childwatch Update presented by Esther Rantzen.
8.00 The Two Ronnies. A repeat of a Christmas special starring Messrs Barker and Corbett.

The guests include Elaine Paige and Peter Wyngarda. (Ceefax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey. Weather. 9.20 Datles. The Oil Barons's Ball is in full swing but one of the guests threatens to see occasion for the Ewing family.

(Ceefax) 10.10 Wogan. The guests include Larry Hagman and Linda Gray. 10.45 Christmas Eve with Val Doonican. His guests are snooker star and entertainer,

Dennis Taylor, and percussionist Evelyn Glernie, 11.30 The First Mass of Christmas from Clifton Cathedral, Bristol. The chief celebrant is the Bishop of Clifton, Dr Mervyn Alexandsr, tha preacher, Mgr. Crispian Hollis. 12.35 Weather



Helping hand for Fred Astaire in Holiday Inn (on C4, 7.00pm). Extreme left: Marjorie Reynolds. Extreme right: Bing Crosby

# BBC 2

9.00 Cectax. 12.50 Film: Dr Jekyli and Mr Hyde\* (1920) starring John Barrymore, A silent version of Robert Louis Stevenson'e classic horror story. Directed

by John S Robertson. Names and Games. Four teams comprising actors, comediana, musicians, and presenters, in e series of names for the Butlins Troots presented by Lennie Bennett and Kathy Taylor from Somerwest World, Minehead.

2.40 Horowitz in Moscow. John Tusa presents a documentary about Vladimir Horowitz'a return to Moscow after a self-imposed exile nf 60 years. The emotional return includes a concert from the Moscow Conservatoire which included works by Scriabin, Rachmaninov, Mozart, Scarlatti, Schubert, Liszt and

Chopin. (r)
4.35 News, regional news and

weather.
4.45 Film: The Seven Year litch
(1955) starring Marilyn Monroe
and Tom Ewsil. Superb
comedy about a middle-aged New Yorker who, having seen his family off on their summer holidays, becomes beguiled by a young woman who moves into the apartment above his. Unbeknown to the woman, she becomes the object of his sexual desires, and the innocent cause of his 'itch'. Directed by Billy Wilder.
6.35 International Snooker. David

Vine introduces highlights of the 1986 Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, held in April at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, during which the world champion was beaten in the first round and Steve Davis was unexpectedly beaten in the final by the rank outsider, Joe Johnson. 8.00 Kri Te Kenawa at Christmas.

A programme of seasonal music, both classic and contemporary, from the Barbican Hall, London. With barpocari Hali, Loridoni, Willi the Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Carl Davis, and the Tallis Chamber Choir. Seasons Greetings, by Alan Ayckbourn. A bird's-eye-view of family life at Christmas, a time when life doesn't go quite as planned. Starring Ann Massey, Nicky Henson, Geoffrey Palmer, Peter

/aughan, and Barbara Flynn. 10.50 Harty's Christmas Party from Among the guests are Mike larding, lan Bother Livingstone, Sua Lawley, Ned Sherrin and Fred Trueman. 11.45 Film: Meet Me in St Louis (1944) starring Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien. the lives and loves of a family during one year in turn-of-the century St Louis. Directed by Vincente Minnelli.

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6.15 TV-ant: Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; video report 8.35. At 9.05 Timmy Mallet

presents Wacaday. Thames news headlines I names news readiness followed by Tickle on the Turn - Christmas Special. Village tales for the young, with Ralph McTall and Jacqueline Reddin 8.50 Chortton and the Ica

World. (1)

10.25 Film: The Legend of the Lone
Ranger (1980) starring Klinton
Spilsbury, Michael Horse, and
Christopher Lloyd. The
masked goodle and his faithful
Bed Indian friend. Tooth, bettle Red Indian friend, Tonto, battle against baddies. Directed by William A Fraker 12.05 The Bestest Present. An animated tale of childish innocence 12.30 A Child This Day. How three Catholic diocese in England are sustaining and providing support for family

1.00 News at One 1.20 Thames

news. Film: Rob Roy - the Highland Rogue (1953) starring Richard Todd, Glynis Johns and James Robertson Justice. The rebel highland leader is captured by the Duke of Argyll and on his way to London when he is way to London when he is rescued by his merry men. Directed by Harold Finch.
3.00 Disney: The Night Before
Christmas. Cartoon. (r) 3.1

Christmas. Cartoon. (r) 3.10 Pass the Buck Celebrity Special with Simon Wi Lucy Fleming, Dennis Vaterman, and Rula Lenska. Presented by George Layton. Thames news headlines 3.45 Jambo - the Gentle Gient. The story of the male silverback lowland gorilla who made the small boy who fell into his

lain Cuthbertson, Paul Shane and Anna Dawson. (Oracle) 5.15 Blockbusters. 5.45 News 8.00 Thames news. 6.25 Helpi Viv Taylor Gee with news of Christmas Lina, s 24-hour

advice service run jointly by Thames Television and Capital Radio. Crossroads. Diane has become s prisoner in her own

7.00 This is Your Life. Earnorm Andrews springs a seasonal surprise on an unsuspecting

surprise on an unsuspecting worthy.

7.30 Coronation Street. Maggie Redman pays the Baldwins e visit. (Oracie)

8.00 Jim Davidson in Germany - Special. The cockney comedian pays the British Army of the Rhine a visit in the company of Diane Solomon, Richard Digance, and the pipes and drums of the Royal Highland Fusiliers.

9.00 Film: The Trouble With Harry (1955) starring Shirley Maclaine and John Forsythe. A thriller about a man out

thriller about a man out variable about a trait out shooting rabbits in the Vermont Hills who believes he has accidently shot dead a man. As he tries to disposa of the body the village spinster walks by. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

10.45 News.
11.00 Fresh Fields Special. Their first Christmas without the children spurs the Fields to Invite all and sundry for drinks.

(Oracle) (r)
11.45 Christmas Eve Service of
Communion from St
Cuthbert's Church of Scotland,

Princes Street, Edinburgh.

12.30 Film: The Big Sleep (1977)
starring Robert Mitchum and
Sarah Miles. Private detective Philip Marlowe is summond to the mansion of a dying man. What seems to be an ordinary case of blackmail turns out to be something much more deadly. Directed by Michael 2.15 Closedown



Challenging duo: Demais Waterman and Rula Lenska in a special Christmas edition of Pass the Buck (ITV, 3.10pm)

# CHANNEL 4

11.00 Film: Cammina Cammina (1983) An allegorical re-(1983) An allegorical re-enactment of the of the Three Wise Men, based on legends as well as tha New Testament. Directed by

Ermanno Olmi.

1.40 Cartoon Carnival. Funny shorts with a Christmas flavour. 2.00 Pob's Christmas Special. The

magic puppet's guests are Su Pollard and Dick King-Smith.(Oracle)

2.30 Stacking in the Sky. The story of the Royal Manines Free Fall Team's attempts to beat the world stacking record, filmed by parachutist/cameraman Leo Dickinson at Dunkerswell, corth Devon lest August

north Devon, last August. Film: The Strong Man\* (1926) staming Harry Langdon, Priscilla Bonner, and Arthur Thalasso. Cornedy which begins with Bergot, a Belgian soldier, being captured by a German strong man during the First World War. Directed by

Frank Capra.
5.00 Gymnastics. Highlights of tha
1986 Kraft International.
6.00 Carols for Christmas from St Edmunsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds. With Aled Jones. the Royal Collega of Music Chamber Choir and the Farnaby Brass Ensemble, conducted by Sir David

Villcocks. (r) Wilcocks. (7)
7.00 News summary and weather
followed by Film: Holiday Inn\*
(1942) starting Bing Crosble,
Fred Astairs, and Marjorie Reynolds. Lighthearted musical romance. Among the Irving Berlin numbers is White Christmas, sung by Bing Crosble. Directed by Mark

Sandrich, 9.00 Dame Peggy. A portrait of Dame Peggy Ashcroft, written and presented by Michael Billington. (Oracle)

10.45 St Nicholas. Benjamin Britten's St Nicholas Canteta (Opens 42) written in 1948 for

(Opus 42) written in 1948 for the centenary celebrations of Lancing College. The performance, introduced by Britten's librettist, Eric Crozler, was recorded in St Alban's Cathedral and sung by the Wandsworth School Choir, with the Girls of St Alban's High School, conducted by Russell Burgess. Tanor lan Partridge sings St Nicolas, and Orchestra Nova of London. (r) 11.45 Blue Suede Shoes. A rock 'n' roll special recorded at London'e Limehouse Studios

featuring, amongst others, Carl Perkins, George Harrison, andRingo Starr. (r) 12.45 Film: Mad Love\* (1935) starring Peter Lorre in his Hollywood debut as a mad surgeon who lusts after a beautiful actress married to a concert pianist. The planist'e hands are crushed in an accident and the surgeon

> grafts on those of an axecuted murderer. Directed by Karl Freund. Ends at 2.00.

### VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 1.50pm-3.30 Fam: The Wizard of Oz j Judy Gartand) 3.30-4.20 A BBC Welsh Femily Christmas. 5.15-6.20 Wales Today. 12.35asn-12.40 News and weather. ScOTLAND 8.15pm-6.30 Reporting Scotland. 5.30-7.20 Spent of Christmas Party. 17.20-7.50 Jimmy Shand's Christmas Party. 11.30-12.15em Watchnight Service. 12.15-12.20 Weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 4.20pm-5.20 The Magic of Vierna. 6.15-6.20 Northern Ireland News. 12.35-12.40 News and weather.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Anglia News 6.00 News 6.10-6.35 About Anglia 2.20sm Close-

BORDER As London except.

5.00-6.35 Lookaround 12.30am Closedown.

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CENTRAL As London except.

1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.35

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CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm Channel News 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 2.20am Closedown. GRAMPIAN As London except: 1,20pm-1,30 News 3.00-6.35 North Tonight 12.30am Reflections, Clo-

GRANADA As London except

1.20pm-1.30 Granada Reports 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your
Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 2.20am Close-

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 News 2.15am Closedown. HTV WALES AS HTV West except.

SCOTTISH As London except: One-Thirty 2.00-3.00 A Christmas Memory 6.00 Scotland Today 6.20-6.35 Weir's Way 2.20em TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.15 Gus Honey-bun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.30 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Who's The Goss? 12.35em Fo Us A Child is Born, Closedown.

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TVS As London except:
120pm-130 News 6.00-6.35 Coast to
Coast 2.20em Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:
1,20pm News 1,25-1.30
Lockaround 8.00 Northern Life 6.05-6.35 Turning the Tide 2.15em if s a Boy, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:
1,20pm-1,30 Lunchtime 6.00
Good Evening Ulster 6,25-6.35 Polica Six
12.30em Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:
1.20pm-1.30 News 6.00-6.55 Calendar 12.30pm News 6.00 Amarda Redington Show 2.00 Nino Show 3.00 Martin Buchanan Show 4.00 Smon Potter 5.00 The Shadow 6.00 Closedown.

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Harry Laugdon: The Strong Man (C4, 3.30)

# Radio 1

MF (Medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30cm then at 10.00 and 12.00 nidnight.
5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30 Newsbeat (lan Parkinson) 12.45 Save Our Santa (Simon Bates) 1.10 Gary Santa (Simon Bates) 1.10 Gary Davies 3.00 Dave Lee Travis 5.30 Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) 5.45 Bruno Brookes (Incl Top 30 album evanto evolves (inte 10) 30 aboum chart) 7.30 Janice Long 10.-12.00 John Peel's Festive 50. VMF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00 As Radio 2

# Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30cm, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. 4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.3 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Batteries Not Included. (Adrian love hears some Christmas disaster stories) 2.00 Christmas disaster stories) 2.00 Gloria Hunniford. 3.30 Mike 0 Abo 5.05 John Dunn (Christmas Eve around the world; special guest is Dr Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury) 7.00 Captain Cat and the carol singers with Bernard Cribbins 8.00 Ralph McTell and friends 9.00 A Good of Dorset Christmas. (The Yetties) 10.00 Hinge and Bracket 11.00 All Ye Nations Sing 12.05cm Charles Nove 3.00-4.00 A little night music.

1.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Development '86 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical ADD News Buss Heritections 8.15 Cassscal Record Review 8.20 Junt a Marute 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 World Today 9.20 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahaed 9.45 Lyrics and Lyricsts 10.00 News 10.01 Ornatious 10.20 Jazz Score 11.00 News 11.00 News 10.01 Chratisus 10.20 Jazz Score 11.00 News 11.00 News About Britain 11.15 Street Life 11.25 A Letter From Wales (until 11.30) 12.00 Read Newsreel 12.15 On Father Christmas's Doorstep 12.25 Farming World 12.45 The Shepherd 1.00 News 1.00 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Development 18 2.00 A Woman of No Importance 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 News, followed by Festhal of Kings College, Cambridge 4.30 Neture of Christmas 4.45 Midnight Clear 5.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 The Messiah: Part 1 9.20 On Father Christmas's Doorstep 10.00 News 10.09 Midnight Clear 12.25 Letter from Wales 10.30 Through My Window (Michael Hordem) 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Revenge of the Turkoys! 11.00 News 11.09 Record Review 8.30 Just a Minute 9.00 Norman Chair Nu22 A Least from Wales
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# Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News 7.05 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Conce in D minor, for violin and string orchestra: Franz Liszt CO), Bartok (Elever pieces for children: Zoltan Kocsis, piano), Monteverdi (Magnificat Vespers of 1610: Taverr Choir and Players). 8.00

8.05 Concert (continued). Bach (Orgelbuchlain No: 18 to 24, BWV 615-622: Jacob, organ). Hasselmans (La source: Susan Drake, harp), Delius (North Country Sketches: Uister Orchestra), 9.00 News 9.05 This Week's Composer: C P E Bach, Includes Harpsichord Concerto in C minor, WQ 43 No 4 (Melante 81), Rondo in E minor, Wq 66 (Gustav

Leonhardt, clavichord), and Sinfonia in B flat, for string orchestra, Wq 1181 No 2 (English Concert) 10.05 Ravel and Chausson: Medici String Quartet/Isabella Petrosian, violin/John Bingham, plano. Ravet (String Quartet), Chausson (Concerto for

quartet, Op 21)
11.30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster
Orchestra (under Robert
Houlitan). Humperdinck (Hansel and Grete) (Maiser and Creek overture), David Lyon (Fairy Tale Sulte), Vaughan Williams (Prelude on an old carol tune), Grieg (Lyric Sulte), Britten (Men of

Goodwill) 12.30 Transatla ntic Rhies Dave Getty Introduces recordings made by Sidney Bechet in France in the 950s. 1.00 News 1.05 Philip Jones Brass

nsemble: part one. Mowat arrangement of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto Nn 3;aiso Rautavaara's
Playgrounds for Angels, and
PJBE Lollipops
1.50 Letter from Tokyo: a talk by the poet and critic

Anthony Thwelte
2.10 Philip Jones Brass 2.10 Philip Jones Brass
Ensembls (part two).
Howarth's arrangement of
Mussorgsky's Pictures
from an Exhibition
2.50 Record Review: with
Paul Yaughan, includes
Stephen Dodgson on
recordings of Bach's

Bernard Cribbins: on Radio 2, 7.00pm

> two one-act operas, The Boy Who Grew too Fast Amahl snd the Night Visitors. Both sung in English. As presented on the stage et Sadler's Wells Theatre, London. With Sadler's Wells Theatre Chorus and Orchestra House School

7.00 Yvonne Loriod plays Messisen: plano recital. Vingt regards sur l'enfan sus. Interval reading a

9.05 Flying Out: Pauline Letts reads the short story by Eva Tucker Christmas Eve: Scottish National Orchestra play

the mountains 10.15 New Premises: Nigel Andrews presents the arts magazine (r)
11.00 Beethoven piano
sonatas: John Lill plays

Christmas Oratorio. (r)
4.60 Strauss: BBC SO (under Sir John Pritchard), An Alpine Symphony. 4.55 New 5.00 Menotti at Christmas; (under David Syrus), Chorus of Burlington Danes School, Chorus of King's Richmond, and voices from Ragian School and Latimer School.
6.45 Musical Times Past: Fritz Spiegl on late Victorian music making

Rimsky-Korsakov's Christmas Eve sulte, and the LPO play Bax's tone poem Christmas Eve on

the No 8 in F, Op 10 No 2; the No 9 in E, Op 14 No 1; and the No 13 In E flet, Op 11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

# Radio 4

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF 5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 5.10 Farming Weather 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 A Service of
Matins for Christmas Eve
6.57 Weather: Travel
7.00 Today: John Timpson'a
last programme, Incl
7.00, 8.00 Today's news 7.20
Business News 7.25,
8.25 Sport 7.30 News
Summary 7.45 Thought
for the Day
8.30 After Henry. The Kitten.
Comedy series with
Prunsila Scales as the
mother.

mother. Weather; Travel

9.00 News 9.05 Funny You Should Sing That. Fun and festivity with Jeremy Nicholas 10.00 News; Gardeners Question Time with experts answering listeners questions in the studio. 10.30 The Fosdyke Saga (s)

10.45 Wives of the Great composers. Fritz Spiegl takes a look at Mrs Elgar 11.60 News; Travel; With Great Pleasure. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie. cts his favourite prose and poetry. The readings are by Judi Dench and

11.48 Enquire Within, Neil fibrary, sra on hand to answer your niggling queries and quandries. 12.00 News: You and Yours.

Michael Hordem (r)

Consumer advice. With John Howard, Paul Daniels, Prunella Scales, Tom Conti and others. 12.27 A Matter of Honour, by Jeffrey Archer. Last in Series. 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World At One. News 1.40 The Archers 1.55

2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Sue MacGregor. Includes highlights from recent editions of the programme, And Patricia Hodge reads Elizabeth Bowen's the Green Holbs.

story Green Holly. 3.00 News: A Festival of Nine broadcast live from Kings College Chapel,
Cambridge. The organ
scholar is Stephen
Layton, and director of music
is Stephen Cleobury.
(repeated on Radio 3 3.47 Time for Verse: Minor Amis. Part 4: Algernon

Charles Swinburne (s)
4.30 JASNA. Jean Snedegar
joins the Jane Austen
Society of North America as they discuss Northange 5.05 Mexico at Christmas.
This year, Mexico faces
Christmas, its favourite
festival, with inflation at

100 per cent and massive 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 9.00 Ths Six O'Clock News: Financial report.

6.30 Prompt. Theatre quiz with two teams of stage and screen actors. In the chair: Shella Hancock. (s) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Letter From The Sticks

7.30 Murder for Christmas. Petsr Sallis es the Belgian sleuth in Agatha Christie'a Hercule Poirot's Christmas. 9.00 Sixty Years in Sixty Minutes. In this year of The Queen's 60th birthday, a

nostalgic look over recent history with a montage from the BBC Sound Anchiv 10.00 A Sideways Look At .... Smith. 10.15 A Book at Bedtime. My

Uncle Sitas, by H E Bates (3 of 3), The reader is David Neal. 10.29 Weather 10.30 News

10.35 Something Quite New.
Nick Yapp tells the story
of Hugh Lofting, who told the
story of Dr Dolittle.

10.50 ENSA - The Unsung Heroes. In celebration of ENSA, the Second World enda, me second worm
War civilian antertainers.
Was it really s case of Every
Night Something Awful?
Presented by Jimmy Perry

11.30 The First Mass of Christmas from Clifton Cathedral, Bristol (e) 12.33 Catheorat, Marchael & Shipping (svalable in England & S Wales only) as above except: 5.50-6.00am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (a) 5.50-5.55 PM (continued)

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Left: Aileen Quinn in Annie (BBC1, 3.10pm). Centre: Colin Hurley as The Gingerbread Man (C4, 10.00am). Paul Eddington: Miss Marple (BBC1, 8.20pm)



BBC 1

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neutralize German guns set in the rock face of a Greek island. Directed by

J.Lee Thomson. 4.90
Disney Time.
4.45 Final Score. Sports news.
5.05 Blankety Blank. Les
Dawson's guests are

Little and Large, and Wendy Richard. 5.40 Barnum. The hit musical

Lynda Baron, Frank Cerson, Samantha Fox,





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Hospital 9.55 Weather.

10.00 Film: The Pure Hell of St.
Trinlan's" (1960) starring
Caci Parker. The terrors
of St Trinlan's min in the of St Trinian's are in the of St Trinian's are in the dock accused of burning down the school. Directed by Frank Launder.

11.30 Christmas Monting With Noel. Noel Edmonds, live from the top of the British Telecom tower in London.

1.25 Every Second Counts.

Comety cuits cere. 2.00

Comedy quiz game. 2.80
Top of the Pops
Christmas Party. The
most popular records of

the year. 3.00 The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth. (Ceefax) 3.10 Film: Annie (1981) starring Albert Finney, Carol
Burnett and Alben Quinn.
An award-winning musical
about a ten-year-old
orphan girl who is
befriended by a millionaire.
Directed by John Huston.
(Coefex)

Ceefax) 5.15 News with Jan Learning.

5.25 Russ Abbot Christmes Show. (Ceefax)
6.00 Just Good Friends. Will
Penny and Vince bury the
hatchet and tie the knot?

6.35 EastEnders. Part one and at the Queen Vic Den and Angie are laying on a big spread. Part two is at 10.00. (Ceefax) 7,05 Only Fools and Horses Rodney meets a pretty girl in the market and is invited

to a weekend party at her family's country home. (Ceefax)

8.20 Miss Marple; The Murder at the Vicarage, starring Joan Hickson, Agatha Christie's mystery about an unpopular colonel whose murdered body is

found at the vicarage. With Paul Eddington as the vicar. (Ceefax) 10.00 EastEnders. The residents of Albert Square attend a knees-up in the Queen Vic.(Ceefax) 10.30 News with Jan Leeming.

10.40 Film: Educating Rita (1983) starring Michael Caine and Julie Watters. Willy Russell's award winning comedy about a young married woman who decides she would like a little learning and turns up at an Open University class demanding to be 'educated'. Directed by Lewis Gilbert. (Ceefax)

9.00 Ceefax. 12.20 Film: The Phrate (1948) starring Judy Gerland and Gene Kelly. A Cole Porter musical, directed by Vincente Minnelli, set on a Caribbean island in the

BBC 2

18th century.
2.00 The Christmas Day
Concert. Gustav Mahler'a
Symphony No 5
performed by the
Amsterdam
Concertrational Oceanography Concertgebouw Orchestra conducted by Bernard Haltink. (simultaneous broadcast in Stereo Radio

3.20 Film: Hoppity Goes to Town (1941) An animated adventure about a grasshopper whose New York community is threatened by the building of a skyscraper. Directed by Dave Fleischer. 4.35 Comic Roots. An autobiographical film

made three years ago in which Billy Dainty recalls his life on the boards. (r) which Bully Dainty recats his life on the boards. (r)
5.05 The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth.
5.15 Film: The Fortune Coolde (1965) starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau. A comedy about a sports cameraman, who is injured whila filming an American Football match.

and his shyster-lawyer brother-in-law, who believes he can sue for a million dollars. Directed by Billy Wilder.

7.20 Aaron Copland: A Self Portralt. A tribute to the American composer, celebrating his 85th birthday. With musical contributions from contributions from Leonard Bernstein and Michael Tilson Thomas at

the piano; and the American Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of the composer.

8.20 Filte: Edith and Marcel
(1983) starring Evelyne
Boulx, Marcel Cerdan Jr,
and Jean-Claude Brialy. A musical about the passionate affair of the late Forties between the singer, Edith Plat, and the world middleweight boxing champion, Marcel Cerdan. Directed by Claude

Lelouch. 10.55 Classic Ghost Stories: The Mezzotint, by M.R.James The tirst of a new series of five spinechillers told by Robert

11.10 Film: Fedora (1978) starring William Holden, Marthe Keller, and Hildegard Knef. The story of a film producer's afforts to lure an ageing film actress out of retirement. Directed by Billy Wilder. (Ceefax) 1.00 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

8.15 TV-tam begins with a cartoon; 6.35 Flipper; 6.55 cartoon.
7.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris who are joined by other regulars and a host of guests including Anita Harris, Faith Brown, and Gerard Kenny.

Harris, Faith Brown,
and Gerard Kenny.

9.25 Disney at Christmes:
Father Nosh'a Ark.
Cartoon followed by Film:
Winnie the Pooh and the
Blustery Day (1968). An
animated tale. Directed by
Wolfgang Reitherman.

10.00 The Christmas Morning
Service from the Church
of St Francis of Assisi,
Pottery Lane. London.

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Pottery Lane, London.
(Oracle)

11.00 He-Man and She-Ra
Christmas Speciel.
11.40 Film: Swisa Family
Robinson (1959) starring
John Mills and Dorothy McGuire. Adventure yarn about the Robinson family, en route to New Guinea and a new life, when their ship is chased on to rocks ship is chased on to rocks by a pirate ship. Directed by Ken Annakin.

2.00 Ark Royal - The Rock Show. From Gibraitar. The guests include Paul Young and Alison Moyet.

3.00 The Queen speaks to the

Commonwealth.

3.10 Film: Dumbo (1941) The animated aventures of a little elephant. Directed by Ben Sharpsteen. (Oracle)

4.20 Strike R Lucky with

Michael Barrymore. 4.55 News with Anne Leuchars. 5.00 Cinderella: The Shoe Must Go On, by Barry
Cryer and Dick Vosburgh.
Danny La Rue, Roy
Kinnear and Cheryl Baker
are among the stars of this
up-dated version of the
traditional Christmas
tentionalism stars, (Oreals)

6.30 Film: Never Say Never
Again (1983) starring Sean
Connery as James Bond,
in this adventure thwarting
the evil Blofeld's plans to hold the world to ransom using nuclear terrorism. Directed by Irvin Kershner (Oracle) 9.00 A Duty Free Christmas.

The Pearces and the Cochrans, by chance, book in at the same Spanish hotel for a Christmas break. (Oracle) 10.00 News. 10.10 Film: Dead Men's Folly elevision Agatha Christie mystery starring Peter Ustinov as Hercule Poirot

investigating a murder on a country estate. Directed by Clive Donner. 12.00 The New Avengers. Steed and Purdey face danger (r) 12.55 Christmas Night

CHANNEL 4

10.06 The Gingerbread Man. A musical play for children, written by David Wood.

11.45 Film: The Nightingale (1981) Hens Christian Andersen'a fairytale about 6 dying Chinese emperor's wish to hear the song of a nightingale.

12.25 A Lakeland Overture, Howard Goodali'a Land of the Lakes Symphonic

the Lakes Symphonic
Suite performed at St
Andrew a Church, Penrith,
by the Northern Sinfonia
Orchestra, conducted by Richard Hickox. Presented by Melvyn Bragg

1.25 Film: Helizapoppin\*\* (1941) starring Olsen and Johnson. A Hollywood comedy classic about two stage hands whose good Intentions to help a young playwright leads to his production becoming a shambles. Directed by

H.C.Potter.
3.00 Gloriana. The English
National Opera'a
production of Benjamin Britten's opera, recorded at the London Coliseum. With Sarah Walker as With Sarah Walker as
Elizabeth I and Anthony
Rolfe Johnson as Essex.
Mark Elder conducts the
English National Opera
Orchestra and Chorus.
5.40 The Queen speaks to the

York studio. Faned over a

14-day period by David

and Albert Maysles, the documentary contains many revealing scenes between Horowitz and his write, Wanda Toscanini,

Earnest, Oscar Wilde's "trivial comedy for serious

people' starring Wendy Hiller, Gabrielle Drake, Gary Bond, and Jeremy

Lindsey-Hogg.

11.10 Eric Clapton and Friends.
The guitarist in concert at the National Exhibition

Centre.

12.10 Rejoice. Readings and songs reflecting the Christmas message, introduced by Candy

fellow singer Nicolai Gedda. Includes recordings made by the famous tenor

registro de mano), Coelho (Tento de tom V11 natural), Carriera (Cancao a quatro

glosada),Scarlatti (Sonata in C, Kk 420) and Pedro Araujo (Consonancias de tom 1).

Also Carreira'a Fantasle a quarto de tom 1V

Clyde. Directed by Michael

daughter of Arturo.
9.00 The Importance of Seing

biography of the American showman, starring Michael Crawford. (Ceefax) (includes news and weather from 6.50-7.00) 7.45 'Alio 'Alio. Rene and the Commonwealth. 5.50 Film: The Snowman (1982). Raymond Briggs\* story of the snowman vitakes a little boy to the French Resistance are takes a little boy to the North Pole.
6.20 Hallaig. The postry and landscape of Sorley MacLean. Scotland's leading Gaelic writer presents a selection of his work. English subtitles for the Gaelic sequences.
7.20 News summary and weather followed by

hoping to spirit away the English airmen in an aircraft powered by a motor mower. (Ceefax)

8.30 Bergerac. The Jersey detective investigates a case involving corruption, makess, and death madness, and death, when e psychic and medium arrives on the weather followed by Vladimir Horowitz - The Island and digs into the truth behind the death 20 Last Romantic. A portrait of the celebrated planist centred around a recital given by him in his New years ago of a 12-year-old girl. (Ceefax) 10.00 News with Jan Leeming. Weather,

10.15 Film: The Verdict (1982) starring Paul Newman. Courtroom drama about a has-been lawyer, finding solace in the bottle, who gives himself on a more chance to regain his pride by taking a case against one of Boston's most ruthless and able lewyers (James Mason). Directed by Sidney Lumut. (Ceefax)

12.20 The Shop Around the Corner\* (1940) starring Margaret Sullavan and James Stewart. A romantic comedy about a young Budapest shop assistant who carries on correspondence with a girl without knowing her identity. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch. (Ceefax) 2.00 Weather.

BBC 2 9.00 Ceefax. 12.25 Popeye the Sallor. 8.00 Ceetax 8.35 Play School. 8.55 The Muppet Bables. 9.20 It's Your Move. Norman faces a lonely Christmas. 9.45 Take Two Christmas 12.25 Popeye the Saltor.
Cartoon.
12.45 Film: Gulliver's Travels
(1939) An animated
version of Jonathan
Swift's classic tale of a
saltor who is shipwrecked
on an uncharted Island
populated by a race of
small people. Directed by
Dave Fleischer.
2.00 Tchalkovsky Competition

Special.

10.30 Film: Chitty Chitty Bang
Bang (1968) starring Dick
Van Dyke and Sally Ann
Howes. A musical lantasy
about an eccentric inventor who renovates a derelict racing car that likes flying. Directed by Ken Hughes. (Ceefax) 12.45 Junior Kick Start. 2.00 Tchalkovsky Competition 1985. Highlights of the competition, held every four years in Moscow, following the fortunes of the British hope, Ulsterman Barry Douglas. 1.15 News with Jan Learning.
Weather.
1.30 Film: The Guns of
Navarone (1961) starring
Gregory Peck. Second
World War adventure
about the attempt to

3.20 Surfers Do It Standing Up. Newquay in Cornwall at the time of the World Professional Surfing Championships.

4.00 Film: The Band Wagon (1953) starring Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse, and Jack Bucharan. Musical about a former Hollywood about a former Hollywood star who comes out of retirement to play in a Broadway show. Directed by Vincente Minnelli.

5.50 The Most Swirting, Swinging, Sticting, Spinning, Up-and-Down Ride of Your Life, The thrills of the roller coaster, (r) (Ceefax)

(r) (Ceefax) 6.20 Choir of the Year 1986. The second semifinal, from Buxton Opera

7.00 Cricket: Fourth Test. Highlights of the first day's play in the match at Malbourne, 7.25 Laurens van der Post at

Eighty. A film portrait in which Sir Laurens talks about his life from his childhood in South Africa. his prisoner-of-war axperiences, his friendship with Carl Gustav Jung, and his 'unofficial and anonymous work' connected with

Africa.
8.30 Onegin. A ballet by John Cranko to Tchaikovsky'a music, danced by the National Ballet of Canada featuring Sabina Allemanr and Frank Augustyn with the Orchestra of the National Bailet of Canada conducted by Ermanno

10.05 Film: Some Like it Hot (1959) starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmom. Cornedy about two mala musicians who after witnessing the who, after witnessing the st Valentine's Dey massacre, escape from the 'mob' by joining an all-girl band. Directed by Billy Wilder. (Ceefax)
12.00 Classic Ghost Stories.
M.R.James's The Ash Tree, told by Robert

12.15 Weather.

ITV/LONDON.

7.00 TV-em: Wacaday Special presented by Timmy Mallet and Michaela Strachan, includes tha best child acts from Anything You Can Do; and the winning Song for Christmas performed by the Mini Pops at a carol concert at the Royal Albert Hell

9.25 Rainbow Christmas Special. A pantomime with puppets 9.50 Emu at Christmas. (r)
10.30 Film: Escape to Witch
Mountain (1974) starring
Eddie Albert. Two young children with extraordinary powers of levitation and telepathy are taken from a home by a millionaire who wants to use the children

to help expand his resources. Directed by John Hough. 12.15 Athletics '86. Highlights from ITV's and Channel 4'a coverage of the year'a athletics scena.

1.20 News.
1.25 The Royal Day. Alastair
Burnet presents highlights
of the Royal Wedding of
Prince Andrew and Sarah

2.10 Fam: 20,000 Langues Under the Sea (1954) Starring Kirk Douglas and James Mason, Adventure, based on the Jules Verne novel, about a mad professor, master of an all-conquering submarine, who plans to take over the

wno plans to take over the
world. Directed by Richard
Fleischer. (Oracle)
4.30 Name That Tune Special
presented by Llonel Blair.
With Maggle Moon,
Angela Rippon, and Mike
Read. 5.00 News and sport. 5.15 Pilm: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977) starring Roger Moore as James Bond, in this adventure saving us from a madman who

wants to destroy the world and create an underwater Shangri-La in its place, Directed by Lewis Gilbert. (Oracle)
7.30 Fire and Ice. A Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean ice spectacular, With music by Carl Davis, performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra

8.30 A Christmas Night of One Hundred Stars from the London Palladium In aid of Help the Aged. Includes news from 9.45 to 10.60, 11.15 Film: Arplane II - The Sequel (1982) starring Robert Hayes. A follow-up spoof to the successful Airplane! In this film, a shuttlecraft carrying a motiey collection of passengers, begins to malfunction. Directed by Ken Finkleman. 12.50 Christmas Night Thoughts.

Nutcracker music, 1.00

News Octets: Chilingirian and

Op 11), and

1.50 Youth Orchestras of the

1.50 Youth Orchestras of the World: Trinity College of Music Jazz Orchestra (under Bobby Lamb). Herr (Song for Micheline), Ole Kock Hansen (Light Flight), Stravinsky (Ebony Concerto), Lamb (Cork 800)

2.50 Bracha Eden and Alexander Tarris place.

bracha Eden and Alexander Tamir: plano duet. Moszkowski (Spanish Dances, Op 12, nos 1-2, and New Spanish Dances, Op 65 Nos 1-3), Brahms (Irlungarian Dances, 2,4,6,8), Liszt (Grand galop chrymerituse)

Clarinet Concerto No 2 (Bayer, with North German Radio SO under the

chromatique)
3.35 Carl Maria von Webe

beton of Gunter Wand
4.00 A Service of Readings

and Carols for St Stephen's Day: a live

Organist and master of

Op 20)

Lindsay String Quartets. Shostakovich (Two Pieces,

sohn (Octet in E flat,

CHANNED 4 9.30 Film: A Swarm in May (1983) A drama, made by the Children's Film Unit, about a young man at e rural cathedral school who

investigates and restores an ancient church tradition. Starring Oliver Hicks, and directed by Colin Finbow.

11.00 Theresa at the Palace. A film from Germany about a young village girt who becomes a 'companion' to a spoilt princess living in a . 19th century castle.

12.35 Santa's Pocket Watch.

Cartoon.

1.00 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park. Brough Scott introduces coveraga of the 1.10, 1.40, 2.15 (King Georga VI Rank Chase) and 2.45 racas. 3.00 Tennis. The first two rubbers of the Davis Cup

Final between Australia and Sweden. 5.00 The Queen and Her Ceremonial Horses. A documentary about the Royal Mews, offgring a portrait of the Royal horses and people who take care of tham. (r)

(Oracle) 6.00 The Pleasure Gardens -Vauxhall Revisited. A recreation of life in the Vauxhall pleasure gardens on the banks of the Thames during their 18th century heyday.
7.05 News aurmary and weather followed by Stairs. A lighthearted look

Stairs. A lighthearted look at the rola of stairs in films, in fife, and in dreams.

7.35 The Works, by Karry Crabbe. A comedy drama starring Glenn Sherwood as a 17-year old in his first job - as a dogsbody in a large factory.

9.00 L'Heure Espagnete.

Revel's green shout a

Ravel's opera about a Spanish clock-makers wife who antertains a succession of lovers in her husband's abscence. With mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Laurence and the Nouvel Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio-France, conducted by Armin

Jourdan. 10.00 Mex Headroom's Gient Christmas Turkey. The guests include Bob Geldof, Tina Tumer, and Dave Edmunds. 10.45 The Weavers: Wasn't

That a Time? A documentary tracing the celebrated folk group made up of Pete Seeger, Ronnie Gilbert, Lee Hays, and Fred Hallerman. (r) 12.05 Film: It Came From Outer Space\* (1953) starring Richard Carlson, Science fiction adventure, based on a Ray Bradbury story. Directed by Jack Arnold. Ends at 1.35.

Instruments perform

consort music from the

Radio 1

12.30 Weather.

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News on the half-hour from 6.30am, 7.30, 8.30om, 10.30, 12.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 12 midnight.
5.30am Mark Page 8.00 Peter Powell'a Christmas Show. Including at 9.30 The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth 16.00 Simon Betes'e Solid Gold 1.00pm Mike Read's Christmas Pinner (Mike Beres e Solid Gold Tubrim Mike Read's Christmas Dinner (Mike plays host to his DJ colleagues) 3,00 Simon Mayo 5.30 Bruno Brookes 8.00-12.00 P and V'a Christmas party. With the Rankir Miss P and Robble Vincant VHE Steens Parkins 1 8 2 4 00m As Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 10.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2

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Naws on the hour. Headlines 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Cricket Fourth Test at 12.05em, 1.02, 2.02, 3.02. 4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Martin Stanford 7.30 Roger Royle says Good Morning Christmas 9.00 Ken Bruce inclust 10.00 The Queen 11.00 Captain Cat and the Carol Singars. Bernard Cribbins 12.00 The Christmas Huddlines 12.00 The Christmas Huddines
12.30 Ken Dodd's Christmas
Cracker 1.00 Terry Wogan 3.00 In
With The Old (Musical comedy)
4.00 My Favourite Things (Gerald
Harper) 6.00 Sing Something
Seasonal 7.00 A Celebration of
Christmas with Roy Castle, Cliff
Richard, Dana, Mary O'hara, Alvin
Stardust 9.00 Walt Disney: Man
ol Magic (Richard Todd) 10.00
Radio Active's Christmas
Turksy 10.30 Rhyme and Reason
11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00am
Sing Something Seasonal 2.00-Sing Something Seasonal 2.00-4.00 Charles Nove

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Radio 3 6.55 Weather, 7.00 News 7.05 Concert: Praetorius (Dances from Terpsichore: New London Terpsichore: New London
Consorti, Vaughan
Williams (Five Variations of
Dives and Lazarus:
Academy of St Martin-inFields), Bach
(Orgelbuchlein Nos 255-35,
BWV 623-33: Jacob,
organ), Wagner (Prelude Act
1 of Lohengrin: Borlin
PO, conducted by Klaus
Tennetedt). 6.00 News
8.05 Charpentier (Pastorale
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sur la naissance de notre seigneur: Les Arts Florissants), Debussy (Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune: LSO conducted by Andre Previni, S.00 News 9.05 This Week'a Composer: C P E Bach, Recordings include Else pieces for includa Five pieces for musical clock, Wq 193 (Franz Haselbock, (Franz Haselbock, organ)Harpsichord Concerto in C, Wq 43 No 8 (Melante 81, with Bob Van Asperen, herpsichord), Rondo in B flat, Wq 58 No 3 (Gustav Leonhardt, fortepiano),Simfonis in G, Wq 183 No 4. (ECO), and March for three trumpets and timpeni Wm 188 (i order

and timpani, Wq 188 (London Festival Brass Ensemble). Montreal SO (under No 3) 11.00 A Service of Matins: from

Dutoit). Ravel (Piano Concerto In G. with Rogé), Saint-Saens (Symphony Queen Elizabeth's 1559 Prayer Book. Choir of New

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF 5.55 Shipping 6.00 News; Christmas Prelude.(s) 8.30 A service of Matins fo Christmas Day (s) 6.57 Weather, Travel 7.50 News, preceded by Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn (s) 7.05 Caroline's Christmas of the Inexplicable Infant, by Stephen Leacock 7.25 Christmas Bells 7.50 The Christmas Story read by

Jeremy Irons (s 8.06 News, preceded by Christians Awake, Sa the Happy Morn (s) 8.05 Vintage Archers:
Mmontage of memories
from the past 35 years of the
Archer family.

8.50 Radio 4 Cirristmas Competition.
News, preceded by O
Come All Ya Faithful (s)
9,15 After Henry: A Week of 9.00

Sundays (s) 9.30 The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth (s)
9.35 Morning Service from
Worcester Cathedral (s)
10.30 The Fosdyke Saga (s)
10.45 Wives of the Great Composers. Mrs Berlioz. 11,00 News; Travel; Emma, by Jane Austen, starring Angharad Rees. Part 1 (s) News; Fat Man on a

College, Oxford under the baton of Edward Higginbottom. 12.00 Shura Cherkassky: piano recital. Schumann (Three Fantasy Pieces, Op 111) and 8.15 Portuguese Keyboard Music: Christopher Stembridge (organ). Works by Pedro de San Lorenzo( Obre de tono I de register de region) Liszt (Sonata in 8 minor). 1.00 News 1.00 News 1.05 Prague Collegium Wind 1.05 Prague Collegium Wind Ensemble: Druschetzly (Partita in E flat, Haydn (Divertimento No 3 in C, H II'), Baethoven (Rondino in E flat, Woo 25), Mozart (Serenade in C minor, K 388)
2.00 The Christmas Day Concert: also on BBC 2.From Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, Mahler'a Symphony No 5. Conductor: Haitlink. 9.00 The Blue Jug: Peggy Ashcroft reads the story by Ronald Frame

Haitink. Early Music Consort of London, directed by the late David Munrow. Music by Giorgio Mainerio
3.45 Celebrity Recital: 1974
recital by Amadeus
String Quartet, with Ctifford
Curzon, pieno. Brahms Curzon, piano. Brahms (Quartet in A minor Op 51 No 2; Intermezzo in E flat, Op 117 Nom 1; Capriccio in B minor, Op 72 No 2; Intermezzo in E flat Op 118 No 6; Capriccio in D minor, Op 118 No 1). Also Brahms's Plano Quintet in F minor, Op 34, Wq 33 No a

pedats from Muswell Hill to the Mediterranean: A Case of mistaken identity (s)

12.27 The Goon Show (new series) 12.55 Weather

1.10 I'm Sorry I Haven't a

Branch and Neville
4.15 The Countryside in

6.05 Richard Baker talks

6.30 Paul Temple and the

Winter, presented by Wyntord Vaughan-Thomas 5.00 News

5.05 Carry on up the Shrubbery: Henry Thompson studies British nuclears in the 1930s. 6.00

about radio for the blind

8.15 I've been together for 70 years now (new series). Johnny Morria recalls

his childhood in Wales.

1.06 The Queen speaks to the Commonwealth (s) 1.05

9.15 Leave We all This Wordly Leave We all I his vicory Mirth: Christmas — in words and music. Presenter: Eric Wilkes. With BBC Northern Singers, under Stephen Willerson. With Keith Swallow (piano) 10.00 Music in Our Time: Los Angeles PO (under Esa-Paldra Salonen) perform two works by Lutoslawski, Les espaces du sommell for baritone and orchestra. 1975, and Symphony No 3, 10.55 Beethoven Piano 10.55 Beethoven Plano'
Sonatas: John Lill plays
the No 2 in A, Op 2, No 3 in C
minor, Op 13,
(Pathetique)
11.57 News.
12.00 Fourth Test in
Melbourne. Australia v
England. Ends at 2.05ean 5.30 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carois: from King's College, Cambridge (first heard yesterday on Radio 4) 7.00 A Universal Talent: Nige Douglas's tribute to his

-Radio 4 Conrad Case: Part 1 ( of 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Letter from the Sticks:

Another personal report on rural life from David Bean 7.30 Murder for Christmas: The Nine Tallors, by Dorothy L Sayers (s) Clue: Christmas insobriety from the comedy game regulars (s) 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News: Mario and Grisi: A 9.30 A Winter's Tale: Intriguing story of a Medieval Royal funeral true love story, with music of Giovanni Mario and Giulia Grisi, opera singers in the mid-19th 10.10 Radio 4 UK Christmas Competition
18.15 A Sideways Look At:
Anthony Smith in the
third of four talks. 10.29 century.
3.00 News; The Atternoon
Play: French Without
Tears, by Terence Rattigan.
Cast includes Andrew
Branch and Neville Jason. (s) Weather 10.30 News; 10.35 Girls and

10.30 News; 10.35 Girls and Boys Come Out to Play:
A profile of the National Children's Orchestra (s)
11.00 A Christmas Meditation: with Canon Anthony Hisrwy (s)
11.15 The Village: A Christmas story set in Orkney by George Mackay Brown.
11.30 Project Santa Claus: A Humble Civil Servant sturnbles on an Official stumbles on an Official Secret (a)
12.00 News 12.33 Shipping
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Hubert Gregg says This Is My
London 7.30 Friday Night is Music
Night 9.15 Michael Feinstein at
The Ritz 10.00 Jack Rothstein with
his violin and Langham
Orchestra 10.30 Well Sung Dogs
(Lance Percival and Nicola
Dawson) 11.00 Peter Dickson's
Nightcap 1.00cm Jean Challis
2 ft. 4 ft A. Little Night Nicola 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

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Look Ahead 8.15 The Shepherd 9.30
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Captain Cook 19.00 News 10.07 Sing
Gaspel 10.15 Merchant Navy Programme
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Robert of Sicily, All sines in GMT. **WORLD SERVICE** 

Radio 3 4.55 On medium wave only. The Fourth Test between Australia and England. A live transmission from Melbourne until 7.05 6.55 On VHF only. Weather. 7.00 News 7.05 Morning Concert: Mozart (Les petits riens ballet: Scottish CO), Satie

Gnossiennes, nos 5-6; Sonatine bureaucratique: Le Picadilly: Rogé, plano), Handel (Utrecht Jubliate: Academy of Ancient Music/Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford), 6.00 News 8.05 Concert (contd): Bach (Orgelbuchlein, nos 36-45, BWV 635-644: Jacob, organ), Purcell (Fantasia in B flat and F, 2 736 and

in B flat and F, Z 736 and 737: London Baroque), Mazzart (Concerto in C, K 299: ECO with Bennett, fluts, and Elis, harp), 9,00 News 8.05 This Week's Composer: C P E Bach, includes Quartet in G, Wq 95; Concerto in E flat, Wq 47, and the Fantasia in F sharp minor, Wq 67
10.00 Carol Symphony: Pro Arte Orchestra (under Barry Rose) perform the Barry Rose) perform the work by Hely-Hutchinson 10.30 Periman and Canino: 95), and works by Sarasate, Lukas Foss, and Kreisler 11.30 Tchaikovaky: Amsterdam Concertgebouw (under Antal Dorati) play The

violin and piano recital. Beethoven (Sonata in G, Op On long wave 5.55 Shipping 3.00 News; Prelude. Seasonal music for Seasonal music for Boxing Day (s) 6.25 A Service of Matins for St

Fameli finds out the truth about a Mediterranean

cruises.

10.00 News: The Man Who Hid the Stone. On Christmas Eve 1950, the Stone of Scone was stolen from Westminster Abbey. This is

who, for 109 days, was the only person to know its whereabouts.

10.30 The Fosdyke Saga (s)

10.45 Wives of the Great Composers. Fritz Spieglimestivates the strange

investigates the strange story of Carlo Gesueldo. 11.00 News; Travel; Emma Part 2 of the

Austen's novel (s) 12.00 News; Fat Man on a

12.27 The Goon Show

Bicycle. Family Entertainment (s)

dramatization of Jane

the story of the one man

Organist and master of the choristers: Simon Preston, 4.55 News 5.00 Interpretations on Record: Richard Osborne compares recordings of Mahler's Symphony No 6 under the batton of, inter alia, Karajan, Barbirolli and Bernistein. 6.00 Court Ayres: Parley of Redicate the second 12.55 Weather 1.00 News 1.05 The Billion Dollar Subbles, Heather Payton 6.25 A Service of Matins for St Stephen's Day 6.57
Weether, Travel 7.00 News
7.05 Simon Bates with a scottling start to the "morning after". Moments from well-loved radio programmes, incl 0.00 News
6.30 After Henry "The Teapot" 8.57 Weether.
9.00 News 9.05 Secret Life of the Romanza. Nicel

publications of John Playford. Works by Matthew Locke, Thomas Baltzar, John Bannister, Giovanni John Bannister, Giovanni
Battista Draghi, John
Jenkins, Henry Purcell .

8.30 Christmas Qulz: with
Michael Berkeley, Roger
Savage, Roger Vignoles and
Odaline de la Martinez.
Referee: Michael Oliver
7.20 Thomas Allen: the
haritmae is accompagated baritone is accompanied by Geoffrey Parsons. Works by Schumann (song by Schullanin (song cycle Dichterliebe), and Brahms (Including O wusst' ich doch, Der Gang zum Liebchen, Es sass ein Salamander, and Wir 8.25 BBC Concert Orchestra (under Jacques
(under Jacques
Delacote), Ibert (Escales),
Ravel (Valses nobles et
sentimentales), Rossini (La
boutique fantasque) 9.45 Oenanthe and the

Beanstalk. The true story of Jack and the Beanstalk: with Polly James and Robert Meadmore in the cast. The music is by Susannah Danzi. With Jana Lieber (happen) Lister (harps) 11.00 Beethover Plano Sonatas: John Lill plays the No 5, the No 25, and No 12.00 Fourth Test. Direct from Melbourne. The

commentary continues until 2.05em.

reports on the rivalry between Pepsi and Coca-Cola. 1.40 The Archers 1.55

Shipping
2.00 News: The Man Who
Was Nobody, by Keith
Waterhouse, featuring Judi
Dench and Michael
Williams. A close look at the Nobody. Margery Allingham and Crime Fiction. Derek Wilson discusses the work of one of the most popula crime-writers.
3.00 News; Afternoon Play:
Peter Pan, by J M Berrie,
adapted by Glynn Dearman

5.00 News 5.05 Any Sporting Questions 1966. With Harry Carpanter, Don Mosey, Don Howe, Adrian Moorhouse and Edward Granges E 50 Shipping Grayson. 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather

6.00 News 6.05 Through My Window.Pam Ayres wonders what went on in the Wychwood. 6.15 I've Been Together for 70 years now. Johnny Morris recalls his childhood in Wales.

6.30 Paul Temple and the Conrad Case. Part 2 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Letter from the Sticks. A personal report on rural itle from David Bean. 7.30 Murder for Christmas. The Valley of Fear, by Sir Arthur Conen Doyle (a) 9.20 in Search of Professor 9.20 th Search of Professor Moriarty. Alan Moore reads selections from Sherlock Holmes — The Man and his World, by H F Keating. 9.30 You Must Remember This. The less familiar story behind the making. story behind the making of

Casablanca (s)

10.15 A Sideways Look
At . . . with Anthony
Smith 10.29 Weather

10.30 News

10.35 Treasures and Trifles. An anthology of writings celebrating the joys of collecting.

11.00 A Christmas Meditation 11.00 A Christnas Medication
with Canon Anthony
Harvey (c)
11.15 Bebe and Ben. Hubert
Gregg tells the true story
of life with Bebe Daniels and

Ben Lyon. News 12.33 Shipping (available in England and S Wales only) as abova except 5.55-6.00em Weather, Travel 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner (a)

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THE SEE TIMES

Howe: a vote for Merseyside

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

The season is about to reach the tea interval. Before the whirlwind of activity that is spread traditionally around Christmas and the New Year, it might be as well while there is an opportunity - to glance back on the running of the championship race and look forward to the shape it could assume.

This half-time rundown is held in conjunction with Don Howe, England's coach. As Bobby Robson's assistant, he has seen many a game so far and, since he is no longer connected to a club, his view is wide and dispassionate. As he himself says: "I'm an outsider looking in."

His overall report of the opening half of the programme carries the title "The good, the bad and the ngly". He said: "I've seen some cracking games, I've seen some horrible games and I've seen some ugly games. Local derbies tend to the worst. Because there's so much at stake, they're often very

the has noticed a significant change in the general style, as though the imprisoning chains have been loosened. "There's not so much squeezing. People have

realized that if you restrict the opponents, you restrict yourselves as well. Whereas there was no time or space, players seem now to be more patient.

"That has improved the game and the other most pleasing feature has been the emergence of young players. Adams, Rocastle and Hayes at ARSENAL, for instance, Webb, Carr, Clough and Walker at NOTTINGHAM FOREST and McDonald, NOT an outstanding prospect at NEW-CASTLE UNITED. I wish they'd put him at right back."

The list of youthful individuals who are likely to become the true talent of tomorrow is linked to the current success of their clabs. Howe, who severed his own connection with Arsenal earlier in the year, sees a strong similarity between the squad he used to manage and Forest's.

"Both have n touch of experience here and there but they are mostly young kids, homegrown talent. Although George Graham keeps saying that Arsenal are not good enough to win the title, if he would add the one word 'yet' I think he'd he alters to the wift think he'd be closer to the truth and his message would also be

"He's being partly realistic and partly trying to take the pressure off them. If things go wrong their challenge could fall flat. Look at Manchester United after that fantastic start last season. Brian Clough is doing the same. I heard him say Forest won't be champions for five years.

"If I was in their positions I would now tell the side to go out and prove me wrong, that if the title is there for the taking, why not take it?" Yet Howe, though an admirer of both teams, does not believe that either will finish with the leading bonour.

"LIVERPOOL must be everybody's favourite. They are steady and consistent, they've done it all before and they've shown that they can recover from a relatively poor spell. That will be the test for Arsenal and Forest. How quickly can they come back after losing one or two games?

"Liverpool are so adaptable, their formation is so flexible. They're the only club in the country, for example, that can play with one up front. I saw them at WIMBLEDON, where everybody struggles. They defended with three centre balves, stuck Rush up

Howe suggests that the main threat to Liverpool, the holders of the English and British crowns as well as the FA Cup, will be provided by EVERTON. "They are almost back to full strength now and the New Year could mark the start of their charge. I think they will be runners-up.

The difference between them and Liverpool is Rush. Everton are as consistent and they have done well so far but they have no reliable scorer. They miss Lineker and probably will miss him more so in March and April. That is the time when the odd goal can make such a difference.

"You know that Liverpeol won't go through a month without picking up at least a point or two. Although all of the other contenders are capable of beating anybody, you can imagine them going through a patch when everything goes wrong. Take WEST HAM UNITED and TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, for example.

"Neither of them can be discounted but West Ham's away form has slumped and Tottenbaro. when it looks as though they are on their way, keep having daft and so will the so-called long-ball specialists. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY and WATFORD, if not Wimbledon.

Those three are all hard to beat, especially at home, but there is a deficiency in their method. It is a long, hard season and because there is such a heavy demand on their fitness I don't believe they can sustain a high enough staudard from August through to May."

Howe lowered his sights to the first division's basement and specifically towards MANCHES-TER UNITED and CHELSEA. "They have to find something extra in the second half of the season or it could be a long struggle for both of them. It is so hard to shake off the fear of relegation.

"For United, Robson has to be fully fit, Stapleton should start scoring regularly and Olsen must beat full backs and hit those dangerous crosses. I can't see them going down. For Chelsea, the partnership between Dixon and Speedie must be restored and they also need someone to attack down

Howe on why Liverpool lead at half-time down there than nt the top and especially because of the new playoff system. Newcastie were strong candidates, for instance, until Goddard went there. Bobby Robson and I were getting worried about Beardsley because, until a couple of weeks ago, he had scored only once.

"Now they seem to be climbing away. Their 40 win over West Ham was terrific — one of the best televised games of the year. I'm not surprised ITV apparently wanted to take their cameras elsewhere but, as it turned out, the quality of the football was superb. I wouldn't like to say who might go

PORTSMOUTH are Howe's favourites to come up from the second division. "I think they'll make it at last," he said, "but they will have to control their aggression. It is a fight to get out but Alan Ball must keep their attitude while channelling it in the right

"I like the look of IPSWICH TOWN, too. They have a good side there, full of taleuted young players. But the dividing line between the first and second divisions is bound to be even

# Cash smashes a couple of rackets and a cameraman

From David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, Melbourne

Australian with a renowned temper, yesterday smashed two rackets in petulant annoyance during Davis Cup practice at the Kooyong Club, abruptly walked off the court in frustration, then punched a television camerman and drove off in the darkest of immature moods. His display was childish. irresponsible and seriously undermines his country's prospects for the final against Sweden, which begins on Boxing Day.

On Monday the usually conservative Neale Fraser. Australia's captain, bad not only come out from under his floppy sunhat to say that Australia were favourites to regain the cup from Sweden. but that Cash should be fancied to wio the possibly crucial singles encounter with Cash had thrown equilibrium

and all predictions out of the

As Cash suddenly packed his bag on court after disjointedly losing a set to John Fitzgerald, Fraser quietly tried to reason with him. Minutes later, having just punched Mike Patterson, an ABC camerman, outside the court and scuffled with another, Cash was back on the centre court cursing and swearing at Fraser and saying he was leaving for the day. Poor Fraser Inoked less a captain uncontrollable nephew. It seems that Cash's prob-

lem outside the court was, McEnroe-style, his exaggeration of media interference with his family; that is to say, the legitimate taking of pictures in a public place. The situation would constitute no alarm, and require only the necessary discipline and fine by the Australian LTA, were it not sparked by a factor fundamental to Friday's tennis. Cash was playing badly.

When Australia's team arrived here last week Cash had stepped on to court aod started to hit the ball the way he had on grass when reaching the Wimhledon and United States semi-finals two years ago. As someooe remarked, it was too good, too early. Yesterday his game was

Stefan Edberg, the falling apart under the after-worldNo. 4. Yesterday Fraser noon suo. In pique he was stumbling about in apolo- smashed on the ground two would buy you a plane ticket to see the America's Cup semifinals in Perth. It might tranquillize him had he to pay for them. As he walked off the court his opponent, Fitzgerald, with whom he will presumably play the doubles, turned to the gallery and said: "I was beginning to enjoy

> After Cash had been driven away Fraser tried to calm the waters. "Pat feels he's being intruded upon," Fraser said. "And he does things he might not be proud of. He's a

Pat Cash, aged 21, an than an auntie bemused by an headstrong Australian and he's preparing for one of the biggest matches of his life. I expected something like this. Pat's a perfectionist and he wasn't happy with the way he was playing.

Fraser would not confirm that Cash would be fined; he would be speaking to him privately, he said. Paul McNamee, who had apologized to the camerman, also tried to minimize the friction. "No one could try harder for their team than Pat," be said. "He'd gone off the boil." The camerman could be excused for thinking Cash had come

It was, in the tennis sense, not a particularly good day for either team. McNamee. who woo the opening singles against Gilbert in the semi-final against United States in Brisbane, was having an erratic time against Peter Mc-Namara, while neither Anders Jarryd nor Joakim Nystrom was on form for Sweden.

It is not conceivable that Fraser would take a gamble by replacing McNamee, ranked 44 in singles at the start of the month, with either Mc-Namara (303) or Fitzgerald (103), but with both the expected singles players ill at case the Omens are not good.
"I haven't made up my mind yet about the team," a

depressed Fraser said. Hans Olsson, Sweden's captain, also has his dilemma, in the absence of Mats Wilander, who has, temporarily at least, preferred marriage to tennis. weden are seeking to become the first country to win the Davis Cup three times successively since the abolition of the challenge round in 1971, and with Edberg: the Austra-lian champion, and Nystrom, ranked four and seven respectively, they should have had no difficulty, never mind the oss of Wilander.

But Nystrom has been bothered by a thigh injury and is off colour, and Jarryd, a Wimbledon semi-finalist of 1985, seems unsettled still by his knee operations. But the feeling is that Olsson will opt for Michael Pernfors, a finalist in the French Open this year, who is ranked 11 but is not a grass-court player.

# BASKETBALL

# **Best of British** in significant meeting

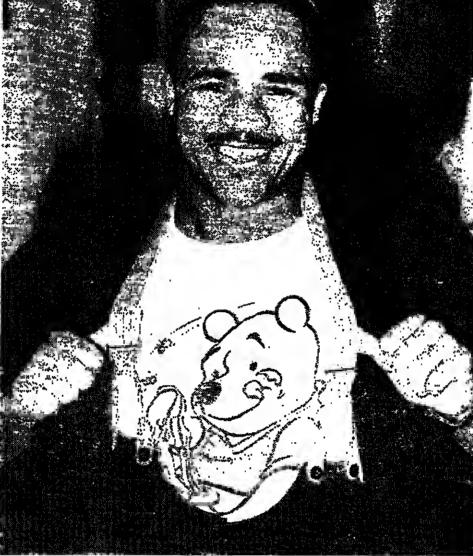
With all due respect to the significant match when the inaugural Tournament of Champions gets under way at Stretford on Boxing Day is the first semi-final (Nicholas

Harling writes)
It brings together the champions of Scotland, Murray International Metals and the unbeaten English leaders and Prudential National Cup win-ners, Polycell Kingston, two teams in danger of running out of decent competition in their respective leagues.

Since, without doubt they are currently the two best squads in Britain, the pity is that they have not been kept apart for a possible meeting in the final, a fact readily acknowledged by Joedy Gardner, MIM's coach. PROGRAMME: Semi-Finata: (6.0):MIM v Polycell Kingston: (8.0): Sharp Manches-ter United v Birmingham Heart Beat 86.

# Hidalgo signs

Michel Hidalgo, the man-ager who took France to the European championship in 1984, has signed a five-year a new three-year contract with contract for Marseille FC, the joint league leaders, as general aged 33, is currently complet-



LLoyd Honeyghan leaves Gatwick Airport yesterday for Palm Springs, California to prepare for his first world championship defence. Honeyghan has renounced the WBA part of his undisputed world welterweight title in protest against apartheid. But yesterday he was accused of using this as an excuse for not fighting South African Harold Volbrecht. "It is absolutely not true that Lloyd would not fight Harold because

of the apartheid issue - he is using politics as a way out," claimed Carlos Jacomo, the South African's manager. The timing of Honeyghan's decision was criticized by Mike Mortimer, a South African WBA executive member. "It's surprising it took him so long to renounce the WBA title, when he must have known from the moment he won it that he had to defend it against the aumber one contender, Volbrecht," he said.

# **Bored Botham bowled over**

Botham, the England allrounder playing for the first time for three weeks, was quickly back to his most robust form with two wickets and a quickfire 43 in England's victory over the Prime Minister's XI here today.

England won the one-day game at Manuka Oval by four wickets with 14 balls of their 50 overs to spare. They made 241 for six after restricting the Prime Minister's XI to 240 for

From an England point of view, the match's chief importance was as a Botham fitness workout after he tore a muscle in his side io the second Test in Perth on December 3. He missed the third Test in Adelaide and his participation in the fourth Test, starting in Melbouroe on Friday was io some doubt.

But his 10-over bowling stint, although off a shortened

Leeds lure

**Bamford** 

Leeds created a surprise

yesterday when they ap-pointed Maurice Bamford, the

Great Britain coach, as their new coach. Bamford takes

over from Peter Fox only a

week after resigning from

coaching Great Britain be-

cause of Rita, his wife's illness.

He assumes his new duties

immediately but also prom-

ised the Rugby League he will take charge of Britain for the

forthcoming Whitbread Tro-phy internationals against the

French if a successor has not

Larkins agrees

land Test batsman, has agreed

Wayne Larkios, the Eng-

been named.

ing his benefit year.

in 52 minutes from 44 balls dispelled English fears that they would have to do without

Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, won the toss using a coin delivered by a skydiver and his young Australian side batted attractively for their runs. Bishop and Veletta put on 109 from the first 23 overs, Veletta going on to make 75. For England, Gower's 68 from 67 balls was the most impressive contribution, although Botham's was easily more

significant. Botham said: "It's been boring the last three weeks. but oow I feel very good. I've had no reaction to either J DeFreitas not out ..... Extras (8b 2, w 4, nb 6) . bowling or batting, although I wasn't at more than 75 per

cent pace. He said he would not be fully fit to bowl in Melbourne, but added he would be "a useful first change." Gatting,

SPORT IN BRIEF

Larkins: secure future

Warren Luhrs, the Ameri-

foot mast on his boat snapped days after undergoing surgery to prevent him from helping for injuries suffered earlier Jacques de Roux, the French this month while training in

leading his class in the BOC Val Gardena. Ski ing has

can yachtsman, said the 60-

sailor, aged 49, who was

around the world solo race,

and is presumed drowned by officials after apparently fall-

ing overboard on Thursday.

Fatal snap

"Botham didn't try to bowl flat out. I hope he will be able to do both in Melbourne."

PRIME MINISTER'S XI
G A Bistop c Richards b Bothem
M R J Velette c Lamb b Edmonds ...
T M Moody c Athey b Bothem
J O Siddons run out
S O'Donnell st Richards b Edmonds ...
A R Border not out
B Henschell not out
Extras (b 4, nb 1)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-109, 2-143, 3-144, 4-170, 5-172, OWI.INC: Dilay 6-1-27-0; DeFreitas 6-1 5-0; Botham 10-0-42-2; Foster 9-0-83-0 draonds 10-0-32-2; Gatting 9-0-47-0. ENGLAND

90/KLING: Whitney 10-0-41-0; Brown 1 0-57-0; O'Donnel 10-0-49-1; Tazelsar 1-32-1; Hentichall 5.4-0-40-2; Moody 3 18-1; Border 1-0-2-0.

Dilley wanted

Somerset and Lancashire

have emerged as the front-

runners in the chase for Gra-

ham Dilley, the Eogland fast

bowler, aged 27, who becomes

a free agent on January 1.

David Dalby, the Kent sec-

retary said yesterday: Both

counties have given the statu-

tory ootice in writing that they

intend to approach Dilley in

cootract Kent have offered."

Ben Johnson, the Olympic downhill skiing champion, left

hospital yesterday in South

Lake Tahoe, California, seven

Italy for a World Cup event at

been ruled out for six months

but Johnson said he would be

ready to defend his downhill

crown in Calgary in 1988.

Johnson out

# Olympic idyll and tennis on thorny ground

By the end of 1987 most of suggest the opposite. The or hearing about Olympic pol-ities, that temporizing fog of words that precedes the Games. But at least one vexed issue may be settled as early as May, when the International Olympic Committee meet in Istanbul

The eligibility commission of the IOC are to recommend that any players nominated by the International Tennis Federation should be available to compete in the 1988 Olympics at Seoul. That proposal embraces the much wider principle that the Games should be open to professionals (already partly the case) as well as amateurs and shamateurs.

The ITF expect singles fields of 64 men and 32 women. ITF nominations would be based on the two world team championships (for the Davis Cup and the Federation Cup) with pro-vision for specially invited players and, in addition,

qualifying competitions. Moscow in an effort to "sell" the idea of Olympic tennis to the Soviet Union. Mr Chatrier makes sense when insisting that "it is totally impracticable to sustain the amateur ideal that existed half a century ago." But, in arguing a case for the restoration of tennis to the Games, he sometimes drops

his guard. MrChatrier asserts that professional boxing has no single governing body, but tennis does. He cites the two councils for men and women, which run the official professional circuits, and adds that the ITF are represented on both councils. That adds up to three selfstyled "governing" bodies and these could not function effectively without the co-operation of two other organizations: the meo's and women's professional players' associations. That co-operation cannot be taken for granted indefinitely.

A sixth power base - serving the financial interests of players, tournaments, and themselves — lies in the omni-present management com-panies, notably the International Management Group (Mark McCormack) and Pro-Serv (Donald Dell), who work within the official circuits and also promote independent events.

From all this it follows that no single organization can convincingly claim to speak for tennis and that Mr Chatrier is a little naive perhaps tendentious - to

us will be fed up with reading game needs a neutral governing authority, to arbitrate between conflicting interests. but it does not have one.

Equally, it is difficult to know whether Mr Chatrier is being artless or artful when referring to the Olympic conditions that players should receive no prize-money or other payments. Such conditions, he says, would pose no problems. How can he be sure? Clandestine payments have long been a thorny issue in tennis and there is no reason to suppose that they would cease during an Olym-

We must also ask ourselves if the likes of Lendl, Becker, Navratilova, Lloyd and Graf for nothing and rough it with the hoi polloi in the Olympic Village for a fortnight - with no room service. Perhaps they would maintain their usual life-style by joining the host of officials in big hotels, thus Philippe Chatrier, president cutting themselves off from the usual run of Olympians. In that case, who would pay the hotel hills? The tennis calendar is already too crowded. There is no way that "opeo" tennis at the Olympics makes sense; no way that all the celebrities would agree to take part oo Olympic terms: no way that Olympic tennis could be other than a half-baked festival. One could see it happening as an event for state-sponsored players from Eastern Europe and a few other nations, plus American college players. But would that

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boost

for tennis? Other than the trivial fact that it would increase the authority of the ITF, there are two arguments for Olympic tennis. One is that the Olympics should include all the sports that have achieved world-wide popularity. The other is that in many countries Olympic status would make tennis eligible for grants from national Olympic Committees. But there is a stronger case for reducing the Olympic programme rather than expanding it, and if tennis cannot pay its own way now, it never will

be good for the Olympics or

The IOC are only flirting with the idea of an Olympics open to everyone. Eventually the logical consequence, a thoroughly professional Olympics for such sports as can afford it, may be accepted. Meantime the Games do not need tennis - and tennis has long outgrown, its need for the Games.

# YACHTING

# Law is back on deck

By John Goodbody

Chris Law, the helmsman of White Crusader, arrived back from the America's Cup only last weekend but already he is planning Britain's challenge for the 12-metre world championships in Sardinia next June and July.

the new year. Obviously we hope Dilley will sign the new Law has been appointed project manager and skipper project manager and support for the world championships by Graham Walker, the chair-man of Britain's America's Cup Challenge Ltd, and the man who underwrote the bid in Australia. Now Law is at Fremantle and have an assisting in the fund-raising to entry at the world chamget the £300,000 sponsorship occded for the event in

> "We have just come within six seconds of beating New Zealand who will probably win the America's Cup. Fact." Law said. It is now important that the momentum is contin-

ued because the capacity for improvement is so high. Although Robert Jackson. who was so successful in the America's Cup campaign, will be responsible for raising the money over the next six weeks. Law will be involved in talking to potential sponsors because of his intimate knowledge of the boat and the crew.

The future of Britain's America's Cup yachting depends on the next six weeks because we must sustain the impact of the last few months pionships," Law said.
Provided the money is forthcoming Law will spend

February and March arranging accommodation and facilities in Sardinia, the boats will arrive from Australia in April and training will begin three weeks before the competition starts on June 25.



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